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Comment By Tony Silva

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3 Tony Silva, S-I-L-V-A. My concerns are: One,  
4 whose's going to pay for the cost of this.

5 Two, I feel that it's going to -- it's going to -- I  
6 feel that the saltwater is going to come up too far up  
7 into the Delta because of the diversion of the water.

8 My other concern is corporate farmers. I understand  
9 that they're buying acreage -- acre-footage of water, and  
10 that they're reselling it right back to the same district  
11 that will give them their allotment.

12 My main concern is desalinization. I spoke to  
13 several meetings of this sort in the past couple years.  
14 Whenever I mention desalinization, I didn't get any  
15 answer. I look at all your literature, very minimal  
16 language of desalinization is mentioned. Why was  
17 desalinization not considered a favorite factor.

18 You know, I understand that the city of San Diego is  
19 building a desalinization plant for \$368 million, and it's  
20 going to produce ten percent of their water.

21 Why hasn't L.A. done the same? They've had over  
22 60 years since they built the Delta-Mandota Canal to do  
23 something. And here 60 years later they're trying to get  
24 a water grab, and it really didn't do anything to rectify  
25 the situation we're in today in the last 60 years.

1 I feel there's more water in the ocean than there is  
2 on land. Why? With global warming, we have a rise in the  
3 ocean levels. Let's use that water.

4 I've flown over L.A. many times. I see a lot of  
5 green golf courses, blue pools, swimming pools, and a lot  
6 of clean cars. Where did they get that water?

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Comment By Steve Evans

Steve Evans, E-V-A-N-S. I'm concerned about the impact of this project on upstream reservoirs and rivers that the reservoirs release water into. And I believe that EIS/EIR should consider the alternatives that don't increase those impacts because right now there's pretty severe drainage of reservoirs and lower flows in rivers.

I also think a restoration plan for the Delta needs to address re-watering the San Joaquin, so that the San Joaquin becomes a contributor of fresh water to the Delta, which it isn't right now because of all of its fresh water is taken by agriculture. And this project doesn't consider that whatsoever.

I think the EIS/EIR needs to do a better job about indirect impacts on protected areas in the Delta, including Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge and Delta Meadows State Park and, of course, Staten Island, the Sand Hill Crane Reserve there.

And so adjusting their route of the tunnels and the associated developed areas to avoid those would be a good idea, if possible.

And I think -- oh, I think overall a smaller project should be considered, one that diverts less water into the tunnels.

1 And also the existing pumps south of the Delta needs  
2 to have fishing screens on them. One of them does not. I  
3 don't know if it's the federal or state pump.

4 If we're going to continue to use those pumps, they  
5 should have workable fish screens. And I think that's it.

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Comment By Dan Amegin

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3 Dan Amegin, A-M-E-G-I-N. I'd just like to express  
4 my concern and hope that the fisheries are taken into  
5 consideration, not just the endangered species in the  
6 Endangered Species Act but the protection for sport fish.

7 They're so important to hundreds of thousands of  
8 local citizens and not just local; but in the fall run, we  
9 have thousands come from all over the state, outside the  
10 state, from all across the nation to come fish our salmon  
11 runs, sturgeon runs, striper runs.

12 And it's a very -- it has a very important economic  
13 impact locally and throughout the state. It generates a  
14 tremendous amount of revenue to support the fishery  
15 programs the state and fed sponsor -- or the state anyway.

16 But also it's something that's important to our way  
17 of life. You know, many of us have been born and raised  
18 along the river, and we really treasure it. And the  
19 fisheries and the sport fishing is a very important part  
20 of that.

21 We really feel it's a family event. We can take our  
22 children out. We can take our fathers, our mothers, our  
23 grandmothers and all have a good time. So that's really  
24 important to a lot of people, and sometimes I feel like  
25 it's overlooked.

1           One last thought is, you know, the impact of any  
2 sport fisheries decline because of this project would be  
3 felt not only in the highlighted areas, but you're talking  
4 about impacting communities a hundred plus miles upriver  
5 up the American River, up the Feather River, you know, and  
6 the Sacramento River really from the San Francisco Bay to  
7 Redding. So that's my comment. Thank you very much.

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8     foregoing-entitled matter; and I further certify that the  
9     foregoing is a full, true, and correct statement of such  
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11    stenotype notes thereof.

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13    February 5, 2014.

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Comment By Marvin Dean

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Bob Panzer, P-A-N-Z-E-R. I'm a resident of Vacaville. Because Delta islands had subsided up to 25 feet below sea level due increased Delta inflow, the one-hundred-plus-year-old foundations are seismically unsafe. Exporting water under or around the Delta could reduce the risk of catastrophic levee failure, assuring the continuation of clean water for our agricultural and urban areas. But solving the problem with cross-Delta water transfers creates even bigger ones which are mitigated only partially in the Draft EIR/EIS.

1. The Department of Water Resources has been unable to gain access to all private properties within the Delta on which it would like to conduct ground surveys. Despite resorting to the eminent domain process, they have been unable to conduct ground surveys. So that limits it's findings on the impacts of all the BDCB alternatives. That's on page 4A-11 in the report.

2. The EIR/EIS chapter on Fish and Aquatic Resources shows how fragile the food chain is. There are few mitigation recommendations to ensure the continuing protection of Delta and Longfin smelt, who are found in abundance in our Suisun Bay and Marsh area;

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1 and have been endangered species for the past five  
2 years. Possibly correlated with the decades long out of  
3 compliance in-flow export gap. The Delta ecosystem is  
4 the healthiest when fresh water flows in its natural  
5 directions, westward toward the San Francisco Bay.  
6 We've been redirecting the flow in a reverse direction,  
7 southward, jeopardizing the Delta.

8 3. It's been clear for some time that the  
9 Westlands Water District and current county water  
10 agency, powerful and well-funded groups representing the  
11 interest of the San Joaquin Valley Farmers, has  
12 squandered much of the Delta export they receive on land  
13 not conducive to water efficiency. As long as the  
14 contracts for delivering 70 percent of the Delta export  
15 to this and other agencies to south remains binding, all  
16 Californians will be expected to make unnecessary  
17 sacrifices. Here's the fundamental flaw in the plan:  
18 The legislative co-equal goals of water supply  
19 reliability, and Delta system restoration, are  
20 incongruent because the term "reliability" is not  
21 clearly defined and is assumed to mean exporting water  
22 from the Delta to the exclusion of alternatives. The  
23 real solutions to our water problem lie in those which  
24 Southern California has already implemented: recycling  
25 and groundwater cleanup. We in Northern and Central

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1 California could learn from our neighbors to the south,  
2 how to better manage our water. That would be a win for  
3 all of us.

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Comment By Jon Van Landschoot

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Jon Van Landschoot. First off, I'd like to recommend a book that anybody who is on the commission to read. And the name of the book is Collapse. And it was written about six or eight years ago, by Jared, J-A-R-E-D, Diamond. He's a professor in the Environmental Science Department at UCLA in Los Angeles. And he talks just about this kind of stuff, and I think his insights are worthy of being read by the commissioner. Our future in California is dependent on water. And for the last hundred years, we've had up and down water years and the Delta has continued to suffer. We can't continue the current push for unfettered growth: north, south, and in the central part of the state. This idea that more is better, more houses, more freeways, means water that we cannot count on. I'm very much in favor of the Garamendi plan, John Garamendi, as it is a way to resurrect the Delta. Also, I'd like very much to talk about what's called new water; some call it recycled water. But I would like very much for the commission to look into -- I know it's not in the Delta -- but desalination plant, South and along the coast and any bay that can handle it. Australia does it. Israel does it. Chile does it. And, finally, the conversation

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1 plan is -- the Garamendi plan is a good plan, but I  
2 think that we need, when this is finalized, to have some  
3 sort of a committee that is state wide. That it's not  
4 just centering on the Delta, but water use in California  
5 for the next hundred years or so. Thank you.

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Comment By Mike Inadnett

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3 Mike Inadnett, I-N-A-D-N-E-T-T. The tax -- the  
4 Lost Tax Revenue of the farming community in Solano  
5 County, where is it going to be reimbursed from? Or how  
6 will it be reimbursed? And, honestly, I think that's  
7 about it. I am concerned about the tax revenue that  
8 Solano County gets from farmland that is being restored  
9 to wetlands. Where is the revenue supposed to come  
10 from, then? Thank you.

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Comment By George Gaudet

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George Gaudet, G A-U-D-E-T. All the water problems in this agency, agencies -- there are many of them out here all involved in it, but primarily for the farmers in LA and our own area. All we have to do is build a diversion damn on the Columbia River, build a pipeline, or use existing rivers to transfer the water from the Columbia River, which dumps billions of gallons of fresh water into the ocean every day. Problem solved.

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Comment By Andrew McHugh

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Andrew McHugh, M-C-H-U-G-H. Honorable Governor Brown, thank you for your many years of service to our state. I am writing to you today to stop the water project, Bay Delta Conservation Project. It's an ironic name for a project which could destroy which we now cherish in California as the Delta, the Sacramento River, and the San Francisco Bay. I fear for the health and future of your entire state. I've never written to my elective officials before I heard about this project. As a third generation native Californian with three children of my own, I feel obligated to do so. A project of this scale needs to have the approval of our entire state by putting it to a popular vote. To do otherwise would circumvent our democratic process. I cannot believe how many people in California are completely unaware of this project. It's price, size, and scope should be made known to all Californians. I'm writing to you to say it appears this project is slowly working up its momentum out of the reach of public opinion and scrutiny. If it cannot pass the sniff test and the court of public opinion, it is not worthy of becoming a solution for California's water needs. I know you are doing a good job in other areas of state

1 management, but this project is hastily moving forward BDCP458  
2 in the wrong direction. Here in our beautiful state  
3 we're accustomed to being the leader of our nation and  
4 world on important issues, like, health, climate change,  
5 innovation, and conservation. Here's an opportunity to  
6 show the world, again, that we can lead on an issue  
7 which is important to all humanity: clean water.  
8 Draining the Sacramento River, basing with two huge  
9 tunnels, is wrong. We can do so much better than this  
10 ill-advised water grab. Our Sacramento River and its  
11 tributaries, the heart, heartbeat, and blood lines for  
12 our entire state. The consequences of playing with  
13 mother nature on such a scale can have many unseen and  
14 unwanted consequences. For this price, and for the  
15 importance of clean water for all, we should be pulling  
16 our collective resources to find solutions that will  
17 last for centuries, not just a couple decades. Look at  
18 the water and Sierras today. Where is it? With climate  
19 change, our reliance on a winter snow pack is looking  
20 less and less feasible. We have the talent and ability  
21 to be leaders on this front. Putting these tunnels in  
22 the Sacramento River is being nearsighted and, frankly,  
23 lazy. We have other, more sustainable options  
24 including: desalination, re-use, recycling, rain  
25 collection, efficiencies, monitoring ground water,

1 landscape alternatives, and the merging technologies. BDCP458  
2 We should be putting these into place instead of adding  
3 more water to an antiquated system of wasteful water  
4 consumption. We can roll up our sleeves and put  
5 together a comprehensive package of water use, storage,  
6 and supply that can be a model for the rest of our  
7 country and the world to follow. We're Californians.  
8 We can do this. We owe it to our families and future  
9 generations to do so. So please stop the tunnels on our  
10 Delta. I look forward to your reply.

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1 Comment By Franklin Saylor

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3 The Bay Delta Conservation Plan has missed what has  
4 always seemed to me a very obvious set of options to  
5 improve the fishery and to improve the delivery of  
6 water for agriculture and domestic purposes and to  
7 support the Bay Delta area.

8 The first option, which seems stunning to me,  
9 that's never been considered, is to simply build very  
10 large fish ladders to the height of 300 feet, or  
11 whatever is necessary to completely bypass the Central  
12 Valley Project dams, such as Oroville and Shasta,  
13 Keswick, et cetera. Essentially allow the fish to swim  
14 all the way around those dams, have a small check dam  
15 above the high water of those reservoirs with a screen  
16 to divert the fish into this bypass canal.

17 This would open up all of the now inaccessible  
18 small cold mountain streams where the fish had  
19 naturally spawned prior to the building of these dams.  
20 We didn't know or understand the complete aspect of the  
21 impacts of those reservoirs back in the forties and  
22 fifties when they were building them. Now we do. The  
23 fish can't get passed them. They can't possibly get  
24 upstream in those native headwaters to spawn, and the  
25 multitude of fish spawning facilities we have simply

1 can't replace literally hundreds of miles of creeks and  
2 river that the fish can no longer access.

3 So build a fish ladder and go around those  
4 reservoirs. It will be expensive but if we truly want  
5 to preserve the fishery and riparian mammals and birds  
6 that use them for food source, this is the way to do  
7 it. Do not try and put a band-aid on it, fix it.

8 Second thing is, if we build those structures that  
9 bypass those dams, well, we can extract those waters  
10 additionally, not just for the fish, but we can build  
11 Central Valley Project irrigation canals that start at  
12 much higher elevations than they currently do. That  
13 will have the course of running on the western slope of  
14 the Sierra Nevada southward. The benefits of those are  
15 multiple. It will make it able for the Central Valley  
16 Project and the other state water projects to irrigate  
17 many more acres in the northern half of the great  
18 valley.

19 The Bay Delta will be avoided entirely because the  
20 diversion takes place a hundred and some miles north of  
21 the whole Bay Delta complex. Runs on the western slope  
22 of the Sierra Nevada and doesn't come anywhere near the  
23 bay.

24 It will reduce the need for pumping because by  
25 starting the canal five or six hundred feet higher in

1 elevation than the diversion currently at Red Bluff,  
2 you won't have to pump it an extra three hundred feet  
3 to get it to Southern California. And obviously  
4 enough, starting at a higher elevation, you won't need  
5 to have a canal with a one and two thousand or so slope  
6 which needs to be very, very wide so you have less  
7 friction losses.

8       You can have a canal that's much smaller visual  
9 footprint, much smaller physically overall that would  
10 cost quite a bit less per mile than the proposals,  
11 either its 40-foot tunnel or the seven or eight hundred  
12 foot wide canal that's one of there are proposals  
13 currently under consideration. Thank you for your  
14 time. Franklin Saylor.

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16       (The proceedings were concluded at 7:00 P.M.)

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I'm with the Winnemem Wintu tribe, and if they.

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Raise the -- what is this about? If they raise the

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Shasta Dam to fill the twin tunnels, they are going to

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flood a lot of our sacred sites, and more villages and

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more burials, and they already did that once when they

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built the Shasta Dam. And we had an Act of Congress in

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1941, and they didn't honor that at all.

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I think they should honor that Act of Congress.

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They hid it for 50 years, and it should be honored. I

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don't think we should go through this devastation again

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for the greater good because we already did it once.

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And, let me see, we still have ceremonies on that

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river, on the McCloud River. We still go there all the

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time, go to our sacred sites, do our ceremonies there.

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We dance, sing, fast and pray there all the time. It's

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not in the past, it's ongoing. We are a traditional

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tribe and we can't go through that again. I just want

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them to honor the 1941 Act of Congress. Thank you.

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1 Comment By Jeanne France

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3 I'm Jeanne France from Whitmore, California. I  
4 just wanted to say that I'm opposed to the BDCP. I  
5 think it's not cost effective and that it will do too  
6 much destruction to the river and to the estuaries and  
7 to the Delta.

8 I think we're being sold a bill of goods that the  
9 public can't afford it. It's another boondoggle that  
10 our taxpayers and water users just can't afford. We  
11 shouldn't have to ration our budgets so we can afford  
12 to have a glass of water with dinner. And with the  
13 plan, that's what would happen.

14 I'm also opposed to it because of the way it will  
15 destroy the estuaries. If you take that much fresh  
16 water out of the Delta from above the top of the  
17 Sacramento like they are planning, the salt water will  
18 intrude too far, and you can't farm in salty lands, and  
19 that's what's going to happen. That and the salmon  
20 hatcheries will be destroyed. Too much land will be  
21 destroyed with the building of the tunnels.

22 We just -- we as a people of the state can't afford  
23 it. You know, there is cheaper ways to restore the  
24 Delta, fix the levies, make fat levies. Tell people to  
25 conserve. Don't farm in the alkaline desert, the west



1 San Joaquin valley. Too much land is going to be going  
2 fallow anyway because of the silanization problem, and  
3 there is no way for the toxic to be cleared out anyhow.  
4 You know, you can't make water. There's only so much  
5 water, and the corporate farmers are just going to have  
6 to start farming where it's viable and not try and farm  
7 the desert. Thank you.

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Comment By Carl Weidert

The plan as written does not critically evaluate the evaporation loss from the water distribution canals in California. This is something that needs to be done, as India right now is covering canals for both energy and water, as they put solar panels on top of their canal covers.

This covering of the canals would produce significant new water, estimates from a graduate student at Chico State calculating the water saved from the six million that I've -- acre -- six-million-acre feet to four-million-acre feet that goes to the California aqueduct, depending on the amount of water that you have in a given year would save, covering that stretch would save between 2- and 2.8 million feet of water. This is a significant amount of water, and if translated to the All-American Canal, the Glenn Colusa aqueduct, the Mendota canal, and other canals in the State could produce more water than you were proposing to produce through your groundwater banking, your new reservoirs raising, and all of this.

This is something that could be done quickly, whereas your projects are going to take significant amount of time to implement and is going to meet lots

1 of legal challenges, which is going to significantly  
2 extend the time you could even start.

3 Putting -- covering canals and putting potable  
4 tanks, leasing the canal space to private  
5 entrepreneurship provides the money that the State and  
6 Federal budgets don't have to accomplish this. It  
7 would generate new money by leasing the canal space and  
8 new water and new energy.

9 All of your proposed projects require new energy  
10 for pumping costs and new water for storage and  
11 injection in the groundwater. This would provide the  
12 means to give you both the new water and the new energy  
13 to complete your plans in the future as California  
14 needs to expand into your proposals.

15 So I hope you consider this comment. India is  
16 doing it, as I said, right now, covering canals for  
17 both water saving and electricity generation. I'm  
18 going to submit written comments over at the desk that  
19 I gave to the Water Parks and Wildlife Committee of the  
20 State Assembly at their hearing here, which cover the  
21 topics that I have spoken to with the Court Reporter  
22 on. Okay? You got to do something.

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Comment By Patricia Lind

Well, right off the bat, I think that the tribes haven't been included in the environmental assessment, the tribes as to what it would do, especially the Winnenem, W-i-n-n-e-n-e-m, tribe. And the -- they have never been reimbursed for the land that they lost when Shasta Dam was raised, and now this would take another large chunk of their sacred areas on the McCloud River. And so tribes have not been consulted in this -- should have been assessed in the environmental impact assessment.

And then it's usually expensive plan that benefits mainly wetlands or the huge agricultural businesses and water districts. And they have yet to pay 50 percent of the money that they owe for the Central Valley Project. They haven't paid it off. So that's another point.

And these huge ag farms are getting subsidized water. And I'd like to say that smaller farms, farms that -- everybody over five-hundred-acre farms should not get subsidized water. I mean -- and then the channels as they are now that the water goes through, why not use innovation. Why not stop the evaporation, for example, by putting photovoltaic cells, it's solar

1 cells, photovoltaic cells to cover the channels,  
2 existing channels of water, while producing energy.

3 So you stop the evaporation, plus you produce  
4 energy for the state. And I think that all of the  
5 options they have now is just like a mining. It's just  
6 mining more water, instead of looking at innovation of  
7 how to make more water.

8 Having groundwater, using -- some of the  
9 groundwater is polluted, so unpolluting it. Having  
10 groundwater. What do you call those plants that clear  
11 it, clear groundwater that -- you're not helping me.

12 Oh, groundwater -- groundwater detoxification  
13 plants or something. Desalinization plants or gray  
14 water systems, where you capture water that is there  
15 and you clean it. You recycle it.

16 So much -- so for this huge amount of money, there  
17 is just not enough recycling, reusing of old water,  
18 cisterns capturing water. Innovation to make -- to  
19 find uses of more water instead of just trying to take  
20 more and more.

21 So it's just the mining mentality of taking more.  
22 So none of these plans, I don't like any of these  
23 plans. That's basically it. Thanks.

24 I forgot something really important. And that is  
25 that this project doesn't -- is not going to help fish,

1 in my -- the nets that they are using for these huge  
2 large tunnels have not been demonstrated to prevent  
3 fish from being sucked in there and being killed. And  
4 taking more water from the Upper Sacramento doesn't  
5 seem a plan, to me, that it would help salmon or any of  
6 the fish. And they not shutting down anything in  
7 south -- in the South Delta. They just have two areas  
8 now where they can take the water. So I don't think  
9 it's going to help the fish. Thanks.

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1 Comment by Dan Giesing

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3 My name is Dan Giesing. G-i-e-s-i-n-g.

4 I'm very concerned about the fish screen at the

5 Clifton Court Forebay. I have seen it in the past and

6 all of the -- heard a lot of the complaints that they

7 never improved the fish screens and the fact that the

8 fish are trapped in there and cause problems for

9 everybody. I'm really, really curious, need to know why

10 there has been no change in that fish screen all of these

11 years. Either if a fish screen in situ is not feasible

12 at this time, then why don't they just move the water

13 around or move the intake to a more favorable location

14 that would provide the safety for the fish? There is a

15 lot of ground down there and lot of water down there. So

16 I'm sure that some accommodation for those fish could be

17 made other than what there is today.

18 My newspaper said that there is no plan to put

19 in a new fish screen at Clifton Court Forebay for the old

20 pump. So I would really like to know the answer to these

21 questions: Why haven't they changed the fish screen all

22 of these years? Is there a better fish screen available?

23 If there is not, why can't they rearrange the access

24 point or access multiple points to improve the fish

25 screening?

1           Okay. And then I understand that when they  
2 catch fish and return them to the river, they're taking  
3 them back to the same spot. Well, all wild animals know  
4 where their food source is. So they have to keep moving  
5 those sites around. You don't have to be no wild animal  
6 to know where your food is coming from. And I know the  
7 food is coming from the delta there.

8           It's California's green spot, and we'd sure like  
9 to keep it a green spot. You fly from Southern  
10 California to Northern California, it's all dry and  
11 brown. And when you get close to the delta, suddenly  
12 it's green. And it's been that way for about 100 or more  
13 years now. Let's keep the food coming out of the delta.

14          I have a lot of relatives in Southern  
15 California, and they need to understand actually what is  
16 happening with the water. They can only have excess  
17 water out of the northern part of the state. And so that  
18 is why they are having trouble understanding why there is  
19 no more water. It's only excess water that they can  
20 have. And that should pretty well cover that topic.

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1 Comment by Chris Joseph and Bill Joseph

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3 Bill and Chris. Joseph is the last name.

4 J-o-s-e-p-h.

5 Some of our concerns were water flow and the  
6 salinity. And so in years such as now with a drought and  
7 already the tide inflow is increased over the regular  
8 tide of the flow of the water, so as water is diverted,  
9 we're worried about that drawing up more salinity into  
10 our channel. We're on the Georgiana Slough. So we would  
11 think that that would really affect our wildlife, our  
12 vegetation, that sort of thing.

13 MR. JOSEPH: Yeah. I'm really concerned with a  
14 reverse flow, if you will --

15 MS. JOSEPH: That is it, yeah.

16 MR. JOSEPH: -- from the San Joaquin flowing  
17 into the Sacramento, as opposed to the Sacramento flowing  
18 through the San Joaquin through the Georgiana Slough. So  
19 my concern is with the backflow issue and also the  
20 salinity issue. If we do create a backflow, what is that  
21 going to do? Is that going to bring salt water up then  
22 from the San Joaquin and then kill all of our plant life  
23 on the banks? I'm a little concerned with that.

24 MS. JOSEPH: And we're also concerned that the  
25 scope of this is just through modelling, yeah, not real

1 life aspects. And so we know that the best case  
2 scenario, the best modelling never can 100 percent  
3 reflect how it is in real life. And so what are the  
4 contingencies? What are the things that will happen if  
5 they find that even to the best of their ability there  
6 are problems arising? So that is one -- one thing.

7 Also, the -- what was I just going to say? I --  
8 Think of all of the things we were talking  
9 about.

10 MR. JOSEPH: I've expressed my view. So --

11 MS. JOSEPH: Um, and it was also the recreation  
12 ability and if it's lowering the flow. You know, is it  
13 lowering the flow during the prime time when boaters are  
14 out? That brings the economy to us in the delta. So if  
15 that is inhibited, that is a huge cut to all of us. So  
16 that is a concern.

17 We have a lot of concerns. We hope it works for  
18 the best. We're worried that once this is in place that  
19 the powers that be may change and different rules and  
20 regulations -- and even though we started out with a  
21 certain contingency and regulations for the water flow,  
22 it may change in the future and really change the delta.  
23 So we are very concerned about that as well.

24 MR. JOSEPH: I guess I have one more comment.  
25 If this project -- the size of this project, the enormous

1 implications it could have on this -- never mind.

2 HS. HOLCOMB: Go ahead.

3 MR. JOSEPH: -- the implications it could have  
4 on this area. Why isn't the Sierra Club involved and how  
5 come they're not 100 percent with this project?

6 That is it.

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1 Comment by Thomas F. Herzog

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3 Hi. I'm Thomas F. Herzog. H-e-r-z-o-g. I'm  
4 president of Reclamation District 813.

5 And the only comment I've got to make right now  
6 is we need more than 120 days to go through this document  
7 and -- at least a year, because you put this thing  
8 together in the last couple years. And you're only  
9 giving us 120 days. And we are working people, and we  
10 have to come up with answers to this.

11 So please give us more than -- at least a year  
12 on this project.

13 Thank you.

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1 Comment by Sally Galiste

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3 My name is Sally Galiste. G-a-l-i-s-t-e. And  
4 these are my comments regarding the proposed Bay Delta  
5 Conservation Plan:

6 Mega state public works projects should be just  
7 that, large-scale projects planned and built to benefit  
8 as many Californians as possible. They should result in  
9 a worthwhile investment by taxpayers as they fulfill  
10 their original purpose over the long term.

11 They should not be planned and built to benefit  
12 a few powerfully political people for their own personal  
13 regional gain. They should not be massively overdone,  
14 expensive and unneeded projects that end up being unable  
15 to do and deliver as promised. They should not be forced  
16 upon the people who will ultimately pay for them.

17 California's purposed Bay Delta Conversation  
18 Plan in its current form will do all of that. The  
19 biggest, most costly and foolhardy section of this plan  
20 is its insistence on building the twin peripheral  
21 tunnels.

22 These purposed tunnels would be mega big, each  
23 40 feet in diameter. Why so big? Why such a  
24 greedy-sized water diversion of undeliverable proportion?  
25 Costly, oh, yes, they'd be.

1 Any dollar amount thrown out, such as 17  
2 billion, would end up far in excess of the original bid.  
3 Where are these budget-breaking funds going to come from?  
4 We need solid financial answers.

5 Foolhardy, most certainly. Many prominent  
6 people in the state are calling this water plan outright  
7 fraud, an economic and environmental disaster, a  
8 political boondoggle, an ill-conceived project with fatal  
9 flaws, and the descriptions go on.

10 State officials must seriously consider omitting  
11 the tunnels from the current plan or scrap the project  
12 entirely and begin anew. A no-tunnel plan would combine  
13 many habitat elements currently proposed with long-term  
14 water exports. Without the expensive cost of building  
15 the tunnels, an updated plan could instead invest funding  
16 into levy repairs and improvements, smaller regional  
17 waterworks projects, statewide water conservation  
18 practices, promoting drip irrigation for crops, recycled  
19 water for crops, among many other suggestions.

20 All and all, our state needs a better way to  
21 manage our precious dwindling water resources for a much  
22 less cost than the tunnels would be. Mismanaged water  
23 diversions and allocations are at the root of our current  
24 water woes, as is overuse of watering by agriculture and  
25 homeowners alike.

1           Too much water is going into arid marginal  
2   regions of our valley. Too much water is leaving our  
3   northern reservoirs. Too much water is being pumped out  
4   of our area rivers and deltas.

5           Please do not move forward with the current plan  
6   as it is proposed now. It cannot fulfill its many empty  
7   promises, especially based on the assumption there is and  
8   will be surplus water in the delta to export, which there  
9   is not now nor will there be in the foreseeable future.  
10   The tunnels will not create any new water source and  
11   would be of zero use in dry, drought-stricken years.

12           Please do not be politically swayed by the  
13   interests of a few California growers, and please do not  
14   destroy the most important and critically vital estuary  
15   on the entire west coast of America.

16           I assume I'm over three.

17           MS. HOLCOMB: You're just almost exactly at  
18   three.

19           MS. GALISTE: Okay. All right.

20           MS. HOLCOMB: Thank you.

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## COMMENTS BY MR. WILSON

Ken Wilson, K-E-N, W-I-L-S-O-N.

And a couple of things here, like I wasn't really understanding of getting enough information as far as the seismic effects of driving these pilings in and so forth. I've heard one thing and I've heard another thing. And what that -- what the effects will be on, say, the levees, because it's constant vibration and so support, just how that will affect the levee integrity. Okay? That's one of my questions.

Another concern I have is, during harvest time of crops and so forth, is it guaranteed that there won't be any obstructions with the flow of traffic, because things like pears or tomatoes or grapes are perishable and need to get to the processer as soon as possible. Otherwise, they could be rejected and the farmer would lose the whole load, you know, truck load. And you know, what is the -- you know, what is the process or protocol? Is it in place to make sure that that doesn't happen, that the highway stays open?

Another thing is, like, for compensation for any damages, I understand that during these kinds of efforts that there are compensations for damages, and what is the model that you use for these claimed losses and damages? And who will administer that? And is there a

1 review process if we don't agree on the compensation?

2 That's about it.

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1 COMMENTS BY MS. FRAME

2 Becky Frame, B-E-C-K-Y, F-R-A-M-E.

3 I am concerned about the water being carried away  
4 from northern California down to a desert where farmers  
5 are trying to farm and they have run out of water, and  
6 we are running out of water also, which means then, my  
7 well is going to go dry, like their wells went dry  
8 already. And so what is going to happen with my well  
9 going dry? Who do I get water from? Because that means  
10 there's not going to be enough water in this area to  
11 have a well.

12 I'm also concerned about the amount of noise  
13 pollution that is going to be happening when the pumps  
14 are being built to pull the water out of the river.  
15 They are going to be within a quarter of a mile from my  
16 house, same thing with the well going dry. It's going  
17 to be within that time. And also, I am going to be  
18 hearing the construction noise and then later on, the  
19 pumping noise and both are extremely noisy. That's what  
20 I am concerned about.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. WHALEY

2 My name is Dan, D-A-N, Whaley, W-H-A-L-E-Y.

3 I live on Sutter Island, just south of Courtland.

4 I also have -- with my wife we have commercial property  
5 in the town of Hood.

6 There has not been an analysis of the impact from  
7 the truck drivers and construction workers on the  
8 community of Hood. Hood is the last of the Delta towns  
9 that does not have a sewer connection to Sacramento  
10 Regional Sewer and that should be analyzed and completed  
11 before they even get to the point of being able to  
12 consider doing this project.

13 In addition, it looks like the diagrams for power  
14 haven't been completed, and that, in my estimation, is  
15 extremely important to be set forth because where those  
16 power lines go will tremendously impact the land that  
17 they are above because of the large amount of power they  
18 need.

19 In addition, there doesn't appear to have been  
20 any analysis as to whether boring these tunnels could  
21 effectively increase the chance of an earthquake nor  
22 have they analyzed what would happen if an earthquake  
23 occurred either during construction or after  
24 construction and what the potential cost to repair or  
25 completely replace these tunnels.

1           Finally, and probably most significantly, is the  
2   failure to do a complete economic plan to spend  
3   \$24 billion for a system to deliver water that currently  
4   doesn't exist to be sent, is not a, in their terms,  
5   feasible way, to spend your money. The money would be  
6   better spent on alternatives including conservation,  
7   underground storage, increased dam height,  
8   desalinization, and scientific review of alternative  
9   plans that would not include a total disruption of the  
10   Delta community.

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1 COMMENT BY GENE BELEY

2 Well, I built a house in 1986 in Morgan Hill  
3 overlooking Anderson Reservoir. The first requirement  
4 was for me to notify all my neighbors that lived within  
5 500 feet. I am really disappointed that our government  
6 feels that they are above the laws and they don't have to  
7 notify the owners of the marinas, businesses in the Delta  
8 by registered mail that their businesses may be in great  
9 jeopardy.

10 I am ashamed of my government, state and  
11 federal, for the way they have treated the Delta people.  
12 They treat the farmers like they are a dot on a map.  
13 They are wasting millions of dollars of money that could  
14 be better spent. They have literally tunnel vision  
15 because they are not listening to more reasonable, less  
16 expensive alternatives that would be excellent  
17 compromises suitable for everyone to make peace instead  
18 of war in the Delta. Amen.

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1 COMMENT BY SUSAN ARNETT

2 My concerns are that even though they state that  
3 the same amount of water would be diverted, I don't  
4 believe that that is true. Why would they have this kind  
5 of a large project and not be planning on increasing flow  
6 of the water.

7 It very much disturbs me the way they have put  
8 in conservation as a way to get around, as a way to not  
9 have this go to voters. I think that's very sneaky. I'm  
10 very much against this. I think this would be a huge  
11 detriment to the waterways in San Joaquin County and  
12 Sacramento.

13 If they are just going to be pumping the same  
14 amount as before, then there's no reason to do this. If  
15 they need a more stable amount of water flow, they should  
16 be looking at conserving the water they have, like  
17 covering up the aqueduct so they don't get so much  
18 evaporation. That would save lots of water. It just  
19 doesn't pass the smell test.

20 It would be nice to be conserving all this, but  
21 that's just a vehicle of a way to get around the voters'  
22 wrath, basically. It has nothing to do with really  
23 helping the water supplies in California. It would be  
24 nice if what they are saying would happen and if they  
25 would cut the amount, but in California we go to war over

1 water and the more and more it's going to be worth, the  
2 more scarce it is, the more big money is going to be  
3 having their say, not the people of California.

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1 COMMENT BY MARIDEE STANLEY

2 If this project goes through, some day we're  
3 going to look back and say what were these people  
4 thinking. First of all, let's look at the name. It's  
5 called a conservation plan, but it isn't a conservation  
6 plan.

7 Now, there's a strong history in California of  
8 calling things conservation plans when you want to damage  
9 the environment, so if you're going to do a big water  
10 project, concrete heavy, divert a lot of water and you're  
11 going to damage the environment, the first thing you do  
12 is call it a conservation plan because let's face it,  
13 most of us, we never get past the titles of things.

14 The co-equal goals of improving the Delta and  
15 providing reliable water sources for Southern California  
16 are no longer being treated as co-equal. Shipping the  
17 water is getting preference over the environment. There  
18 are some parts of the plan that will solve some  
19 environmental problems. For example, there's a problem  
20 currently that the Tracy pumping stations cause reverse  
21 flows in the Delta, which confuses fish and makes it  
22 difficult for them to migrate to their natal streams and  
23 so forth.

24 One proposal will fix that little problem, but  
25 that's like putting a Band-aid on a little wound and then

1     slitting your jugular because what is really going on  
2     here is we're diverting more water out of the Delta. The  
3     Delta is in trouble for a lot of reasons, but the primary  
4     reason is lack of water. You can't fix lack of water by  
5     decreasing more water and increasing diversions.

6             Where are we diverting water to? To Kern County  
7     and other agricultural areas where farmers are planting  
8     permanent crops in the desert. This is not sustainable  
9     farming. Those areas do not have good drainage.

10            There were problems in the '70s with selenium  
11     building up in those same areas we intend to ship water  
12     to. When that selenium was then shipped north to get rid  
13     of it, we ended up causing the environmental damage in  
14     Kesterson Wildlife.

15            You can't continue to farm in those desert areas  
16     without good drainage. It's not going to last. We here  
17     in the Delta area, we have good drainage. We have a  
18     strong agricultural economy. We can continue to farm  
19     here safely because we have good drainage. It makes no  
20     sense to ship water south to do unsustainable farming  
21     when it will further damage the Delta.

22            And we don't want to damage the Delta because  
23     this is not just a local issue. This is a planetary  
24     issue. The Delta is the nursery for the ocean. The  
25     entire Pacific Ocean depends on our Delta. This is the

1 largest Delta on the west coast of the Americas both  
2 north and south. And if we put the Delta over the  
3 tipping edge by further diversions of water, we're  
4 harming the entire ocean and the entire planet. Some day  
5 we're going to realize this and we will look back and say  
6 what were those people thinking.

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COMMENT BY JEANNE KERR

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2 Since this project has been in the works for  
3 some years, as evidenced by detailed maps, environmental  
4 studies, et cetera, displayed tonight, why has Governor  
5 Brown's plan never appeared on any ballot to assess  
6 voter's approval? Tax dollars should be spent if a  
7 majority of citizens agree with the Bay Delta  
8 Conservation Plan, not because politicians want it.

9 I think it would have been better to take the  
10 temperature of the citizens whose tax dollars really are  
11 the base of all of the people who are here tonight, their  
12 studies and maps and everything else.

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1 COMMENT BY RALPH KERR

2 This is an obscene waste of state and federal  
3 taxpayers' money. The tunnels are nothing more than  
4 water theft. To steal water from San Joaquin County to  
5 pay for golf courses, swimming pools, green lawns, and  
6 large agribusiness is immoral and should be stopped.

7 This project is way over budget and is nothing  
8 but big money Los Angeles paying our governor's  
9 Democratic campaign treasury to support it. It's  
10 outright theft and the governor should be ashamed.

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COMMENT BY MARK STEBBINS

I thought this was in particular a meeting or an explanation of the tunnels plan. It appears to just be something of a Bay Conservation Plan and Bay Delta Conservation Plan, so I was a little bit misinformed as to what it actually is. And I have not had a chance to really read all of the information that I've received here.

I do have serious problems with the twin tunnels plan as to the effect of what I've read about them. I do not find that the mitigation plans will adequately address the problems or insure the kind of water supply that the state needs.

I would like to see the state work particularly increasing the water availability for residents of the state from other sources and such as desalination and purification of existing groundwater as well as possibly developing new sources of water from the other areas as they have developed the sources of electricity from other areas, other necessary things.

I would like to see much more emphasis put on that development of new resources. I also think that one thing that hasn't adequately been addressed is the cost of trying to do all of these mitigation measures as well as actually constructing the tunnels and moving the water

1 through them and there has not been adequate  
2 consideration of the human cost to those of us who live  
3 in and around the Delta.

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1 COMMENT BY SUSAN JONES

2 I'm very much against the tunnels. I think it  
3 will affect the quality of life in Stockton. I was born  
4 and raised in Stockton and teach in Stockton. The tunnel  
5 plan could crowd out a locally controlled conservation  
6 program. Water tables are at unrecoverable levels right  
7 now.

8 Two-thirds of the flow of the Sacramento River  
9 would be diverted south of the Delta. I and my family  
10 are concerned about having construction traffic,  
11 increased air pollution, lowering of groundwater quality,  
12 increased salt water intrusion, loss of thousands of  
13 acres of farmland and our natural waterway would become  
14 an eyesore. This would change our way of life here.  
15 Stockton has been through a lot and to me this is just  
16 one last awful thing to happen here.

17 I don't think they care, but I took a tour of  
18 our water treatment plant last year and a group of us at  
19 the end asked about how will these tunnels affect our  
20 water and they told us, they didn't want to, they said  
21 that if we were you we wouldn't want to be living here  
22 when this changed over with the tunnels going through.  
23 It's going to affect the water quality that much.

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1 COMMENT BY COLIN BRODIE

2 Number one, even though we left our phone  
3 number and address at the September 2013 meeting in  
4 Brentwood, California, with your committee no feedback or  
5 answers to our questions have been received. Please  
6 comment.

7 Number two, also, we have yet to be told how and  
8 who will control the adjustments that we understand can  
9 be made in the future to the flow charts or flow  
10 criteria. For example, the 6400 CFS no diversion, amount  
11 could be adjusted up or down. By who and under what  
12 circumstances? Please comment.

13 Number three, Owens Valley is a good example of  
14 how a lake can be drained and die even though the experts  
15 claim they have put in place controls that would never  
16 allow this to happen. Please comment.

17 Number 4A, a possible solution that would be  
18 workable for all is desalination. With its price going  
19 down (while the tunnel price increases from 25 billion to  
20 its present 60 billion to whatever it might be when  
21 constructed) desalination could be quite well funded with  
22 this amount of capital. Please comment.

23 Number 4B, desalination would allow the farmers  
24 in the Central Valley to receive all the water they need  
25 (not want) from the existing Delta flow! At the same

1 time desalination would allow Southern California to  
2 receive the water they need. This would be a win-win as  
3 the entire state would be being paying for the  
4 desalination. Please comment.

5 Thank you, Colin Brodie.

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1 COMMENT BY BILL QUINN

2 Have you ever been down on I-5 that used to be  
3 the west side Highway 33, past the hills on the southeast  
4 side of Tracy? That's grazing country. That's all it's  
5 good for. And then further south they put in all these  
6 water intensive crops. They've got two canals running  
7 down there already. Why do we need to take water out of  
8 the river, send more down south? It's all going to end  
9 up in Los Angeles anyway.

10 The more they bypass the Delta, it's bad for the  
11 fish. It will cause the Bay water to creep up eastward  
12 into the Delta where the farmers pump water for their  
13 crops and now they'll be pumping salty water onto their  
14 crops.

15 I think the only reason this is happening is  
16 because of the political pull of Los Angeles where they  
17 have most all of the legislators because of the size of  
18 the area down there.

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1 COMMENT BY JOAN JAVELOS

2 I'm against the tunnels because of the impact  
3 on the farming communities of the north and south Delta  
4 area. I'm concerned about the salinization of the water  
5 that will be coming into the Delta from the Bay. I am  
6 concerned about the impact that this project will have on  
7 the San Francisco Bay Area also. I am concerned about  
8 the impact of the traffic, of the construction, of the  
9 disruption, of migration birds.

10 I am definitely against this tunnel. I'm  
11 against the peripheral canal and I am for desalination  
12 plans in Southern California. And I am totally against  
13 West County down in Bakersfield taking our water for  
14 irrigating their almonds.

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1 COMMENT BY RICHARD ROBERTSON

2 This whole BDC plan, it's the same as it's  
3 always been. They are bypassing all of us who live here  
4 in the Delta. They are not taking into consideration any  
5 of us who live here in the Delta and we're going to be  
6 paying the brunt of this project. We have no  
7 representation on any of the big boards in Sacramento.  
8 We can only come to these meetings and voice our little  
9 opinions that either goes on deaf ears or goes nowhere.

10 The fish in the Delta by the diversion of water,  
11 they have decimated the fish population, and with the new  
12 diversion of water out of the Sacramento River it's going  
13 to further impact the Delta fish population, the habitat  
14 and any restoration they may be planning. It isn't going  
15 to work.

16 The salt intrusion into our area that is not  
17 there now, a little bit in the summer, it will be our  
18 everyday life.

19 The water quality in our part of the Delta, I  
20 live on Bethel Island, which is point ground zero to this  
21 whole project, will be everybody to the north of us and  
22 our area directly around us will be highly impacted by  
23 the salt intrusion coming into us. It will be however  
24 many cubic feet a second they plan on pulling out of  
25 Sacramento will not be coming through the entire system

1 of the Delta so the salt intrusion will be far worse than  
2 it is now.

3 The invasive species that are in our part of the  
4 Delta now will continue to be a problem and right now  
5 there's no way to address it and we don't deal with  
6 anything being addressed in the future.

7 The spoils of this tunnel, if they do plan on  
8 building a tunnel, the spoils from this dredging,  
9 drilling, however they are going to do it, is going to be  
10 in our neighborhood, in our backyard for a long period of  
11 time.

12 The two gate project in Discovery Bay is still  
13 in the mix for them to divert the water exactly where  
14 they wanted it to go and how they wanted it to go. That  
15 part of the project is still in place by the maps we saw  
16 today. Everything is still in place. There's a  
17 possibility of being in an above ground canal in the  
18 Knightsen area all the way down to the forebay. That is  
19 not there now, highly impacting our whole area and we  
20 have it in our backyard to send water to Southern  
21 California.

22 This is the water grab no matter how you look at  
23 it, no matter how, which way you want to put it. It's  
24 all about diversion of water and how much that water is  
25 worth. The fish is just a byproduct. The environment is



1 just a byproduct.

2 The BDCP plan will save the day, it's all the  
3 same group, the same amount of people, the same amount of  
4 everything is all the same, just change the name so new  
5 people can get involved. Everything is the same, other  
6 than we're going to get hit. It's going to probably  
7 happen at some point in time.

8 I hope we can stop it by any means possible  
9 because this is going to be impacting an entire Delta  
10 system, there is only one other one in the world and it's  
11 in China and that river system in China puts more  
12 pollution into the ocean than any other system in the  
13 world, we'll be number two.

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COMMENT BY JUDITH BECKER

I am 110 percent opposed to Governor Brown's plan for twin tunnels. We need every drop of that water to flush and fill the Delta and to preserve and enlarge the fish count. Bay Delta Conservation Plan is a misnomer. A more apt naming would be the Bay Delta Grade Plan. We need that water here in Northern California and I am strongly opposed to the theft of our water. It's Ruth A. Becker, 2732 Country Club Court, Stockton, 95203.

I'm also opposed. I think it's extremely costly. This is not the time to do it. We need to explore other options. I'm not supportive of this plan.

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COMMENT BY CAROL BAILEY

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2 My concern is more looking at what's happening  
3 in the communities that are going to be impacted. I look  
4 at a place like Washington, Illinois, where my husband's  
5 from. A tornado devastated that town, people lost homes  
6 before Thanksgiving and the holidays. There was  
7 something to rally around. His 50th year graduating  
8 class and all the other groups banded together and were  
9 able to help the community and help it come back together  
10 again.

11 The communities that are going to be impacted by  
12 this have nothing like that. Families are going to be  
13 destroyed. Homes are going to be and lands are going to  
14 be altered to such a point that they are not the same  
15 that they were for the years that people have had them in  
16 the families and all. There's nothing to rally around.  
17 There's nothing we can do to help them. I think that's  
18 going to be an egregious comment or statement of how  
19 we're willing to treat our residents and our citizens.

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COMMENT BY TOM PATTI

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In anticipation of being here I wrote out some talking points I think would be important and points of interest that would help the State of California in its water issues.

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Number one, I think we need to increase California's capacity to store water both above and below ground. San Joaquin County in particular has lost almost a hundred feet of groundwater space and the ground has collapsed. It's an ongoing issue.

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I believe that we need to restrict the crop use from the existing water aqueduct system as many farmers down south are excessively using the water from the current system taken from our dwindling water supply here in Northern California. To that point, years ago there was no farming down in some parts of Southern California. They've taken the water from here so they can farm down there, which has also financially impacted the farmers in this region.

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We need to reclaim and reuse waste water. We can adapt proven conservative measures as used in Las Vegas as an example. If you go to a website with the initials [www.lvcwe.com](http://www.lvcwe.com) and review these successful measures taken, they've cut the water supply 30 percent per individual in Las Vegas in the last several years



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1 reaching very attainable goals.

2 Import water and other ideas to import water  
3 from the northwest. We have an abundance of unused  
4 rainwater. Build a pipeline from Washington, Oregon,  
5 down to Lake Shasta and filter it down to a system from  
6 there versus taking it from already blighted areas.

7 Desalination water treatment for coastal cities  
8 should be mandatory as a lot of these cities that are on  
9 the coast live in desert basins right on the ocean.  
10 There's an ample water supply right there with  
11 desalination. In Los Angeles in particular a great  
12 location for that would be right next to LAX in the land  
13 between Playa Del Rey and Manhattan Beach. There's an  
14 open stretch right on the water capable for desalination.

15 I believe down in Southern California, having  
16 been a resident and lived down there, when the storms  
17 come through and there's torrential rains that water runs  
18 right down into the ocean. I believe they should  
19 capture, filter and use the rainwater that floods  
20 Southern California during the wet winter periods.

21 Since Southern California is a desert basin, if  
22 people live in this location, water should be used  
23 responsibly with penalty if wasted and their water should  
24 cost more to offset the expenses the rest of California  
25 has to bear with their lifestyle choice.

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1           To the point of what's happening in our Delta  
2   that a lot of people may be unaware, but our ecosystem is  
3   already in blight. We've got foreign plant species that  
4   are choking the water supply here. We've got plant life  
5   growing from the ground up that's never been there  
6   before. We've got species that have invaded the water,  
7   cutting back water use and deeply damaged the ecosystem  
8   in this area.

9           My opinion is it doesn't make any sense to take  
10   healthy water from an already strained water system  
11   ecosystem and bring it to another area when you have  
12   viable alternative sources.

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COMMENT BY SHAWN BENNETT

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2 I'm adamantly against this project, the BDCP,  
3 primarily because of dollars. The state is already in a  
4 lot of debt. The governor is talking about trying to  
5 take current state general funds to pay down the debt and  
6 up until the last year or so we were looking at cutting  
7 all kinds of things, including courts and everything else  
8 that still aren't back to full funding.

9 The prison situation is really bad because of  
10 dollars. They've cut Medicaid and other community  
11 programs and it's ludicrous in the context of cutting all  
12 these services to then want to go into debt in billions  
13 of dollars. The cost is already escalated from initial  
14 estimates, almost a third to 50 percent more now than it  
15 was then, and it's expected to probably balloon even  
16 further in the umpteen years it's going to take to  
17 complete the project.

18 In addition, the water is not there. We are in  
19 the midst of a dry drought year. There are other dry  
20 drought years. The climate changing scientists are  
21 forecasting possibly more severe shortages and droughts  
22 and calamities in the environment.

23 Again, it's foolhardy to consider going this  
24 much into debt dollarwise for water that really isn't  
25 there to begin with or won't be there as a dependable

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1 source.

2 Thirdly, I just wonder if the dollars spent on  
3 this project could be invested in water desalination and  
4 come up with a little bit more cost effective and  
5 reliable water source. Other than the Westlands Water  
6 District, I question what the percentage of water  
7 delivered goes to the San Diego and Los Angeles County  
8 water districts in their own water district as opposed to  
9 inland water districts like Westland and other San  
10 Joaquin Valley agricultural interests. So if we  
11 eliminate the latter deliveries, then the coastal  
12 deliveries in San Diego and Los Angeles might be better  
13 delivered water desalination.

14 I sincerely hope that the governmental process  
15 that's behind the BDCP has not committed itself to  
16 something that they are just window dressing this event  
17 with. And I hope that the public gets a chance to vote  
18 on this project and not any backroom politicians yea or  
19 nay without public commitment.

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COMMENT BY J. LAUHLAND SHAW

This is from Jacquelyn at JJJJSHAW@VERIZON.NET.

I request to later revise any remarks or make a part two.

Today's date is January 21, 2014 and this is the draft comments for this meeting place and the email submission.

My subject is for three goals with 10 questions listed in request for action or policies. One, first is a California desalination to Bakersfield basin, not at the North Delta destruction of Sacramento, North San Joaquin Delta area livelihoods, such as salt backup amidst tunnel talk.

Second, for representation in economic impact of North San Joaquin County water engineers, growers of California are first in agriculture USA and others. Note: Lodi vineyards are only 24 miles from Rio Vista, part of the Delta protected sturgeon, cranes, marinists and historic communities.

And third, goal for archive references, Californians statewide already voted against this.

Introduction: Good afternoon to BDCP committees, third party staff and concerned Californians, USA and others.

I want to add at the end thank you for the free press, the open docket meeting, open meeting documents, email alerts, et cetera.

1           This is my opinion and observations of questions  
2   with requests for mutually beneficial solutions long  
3   range by tunnel delay and stoppage. Note: Subject of  
4   three goals given in the request.

5           My name is Jacquelyn Shaw, Lodi grower, MED  
6   admin, author, born and raised in Lodi, California, USA,  
7   fifth generation mother's side. I asked her what was it  
8   like around the grapevine before? Well, tule elk, but  
9   mostly sagebrush. My father's family came from Kansas  
10   and my grandfather picked out the very fertile soil, some  
11   of the most fertile in the world for grape crops.

12           I'm an alum of UC Berkeley, BA in classics and  
13   also Davis. I often made the panoramic hour drive to  
14   East Bay. Our family went on poker ski runs on the  
15   Delta. I helped my late father in grafting the vineyards  
16   and he said there was increased salt in the soil.

17           This is my critique submitted to delay and stop  
18   tunnel drafting by, I guess  
19   SANFRANCISCOBAYDELTA CONSERVATION PLAN.COM. The glossary  
20   did not include desalination and an index would help.  
21   Now I learn it was at the bottom at the far end, so maybe  
22   a table of contents would help for those of us to be able  
23   to target and analyze and respond for you. Here is a  
24   timely list of 10 headings and questions with requests  
25   for action or policy.

1           Number one, Pacific desalination. Research  
2 application can be done for Bakersfield basin, not Delta  
3 destruction of Sacramento-North San Joaquin livelihoods.  
4 What is the future legacy of reknown California  
5 universities research, like Australia and Kuwait?  
6 Desalination is known and reserved for California coast  
7 counties where I live, Huntington Beach and Ventura  
8 County cities.

9           Number two, California representation. What  
10 about concerns from North San Joaquin County growers,  
11 fishermen, for prehistoric sturgeons, not to mention  
12 salmon, cranes and wetlands, taxpayers?

13           BDCP.COM has new map flaws I learned at  
14 supervisor meetings of Advisory Water Commission that San  
15 Joaquin -- it was the SJGOV.ORG 2014.1.

16           Number three, financial estimates/analysis.  
17 Where is reconfiguration of larger impact of needless  
18 economic crisis to the locals, growers, marine owners,  
19 citizens and taxpayers statewide? That is for over 30 to  
20 50 years. For instance, in Lodi it's a five billion  
21 dollar wine grape impact on the local economy. Again, my  
22 references are cited in the written submission, but it's  
23 LODIDISTRICTGRAPEGROWERS.ORG research.

24           Four, air pollution. Air pollution and losses  
25 would occur from minimum 10 years of pounding, literal

1 mud slinging, loss of green crops for good air, et  
2 cetera. How much subsequent loss of air quality would  
3 impact less healthy air to health costs and burdens on  
4 all region citizens? For instance, Lodi is not on the  
5 map for BDCP as I saw and we're only 24 miles away. So  
6 we're impacted. Yet they are asking people down in San  
7 Diego, I don't know why, to learn about their tunnels  
8 down there.

9 Number five, US Army Corps of Engineers. The  
10 Corps gave over 50 reports on saving San Joaquin,  
11 Sacramento, North San Joaquin Delta levies, high  
12 maintenance and/or private dredging for Rio Vista. This  
13 was in the Lodi News Sentinel 2013.2, that is February.  
14 How are California Delta levy funds sent to Washington  
15 state instead? (SACBEE.COM 2013.) I might add that the  
16 Corps of Engineers helps avoid flooding, too, by their  
17 maintenance, timely maintenance.

18 Six, investigation of alleged corruption. What  
19 are patterns in government contracting, escalating costs  
20 by water bonds to taxpayers and stock grower profits?  
21 California voters against peripheral canals was ignored.  
22 I have to double check the date. May have been 1980s or  
23 1990s. Now the transfer is to a committee that  
24 discludes (sic) locals of North San Joaquin County water  
25 engineers, growers. For instance, I met a Kory



1 Kuykendall, 30-year water engineer with North San Joaquin  
2 County and he's not being consulted. He's in Lodi.

3 Why do elected officials call for infrastructure  
4 and job creation by contracting appointments? That's  
5 SACBEE.COM yesterday in 2014 1.20 page A-1 front page,  
6 other public references are online.

7 Number seven, protection of dams. Like Shasta  
8 Dam, my next-door neighbor's husband was instrumental in  
9 helping the wine grape business marketing as was his  
10 cousin. And she said the Shasta Dam is very important to  
11 the Lodi area and we hear of water moved with reservoirs.  
12 There was something in yesterday's Sacramento Bee with I  
13 think Folsom Dam, Auburn Dam. They were taking out so  
14 much water and now they can only take out so much. I  
15 wonder if regulations are being followed. I'm going to  
16 attempt not to ad lib. For economic and agribusiness  
17 concern, growers require Sierra water and treatment with  
18 regulations. Delta soils show increased salt in soil and  
19 threat of salt backup.

20 Number eight, restore Delta beauty. Have  
21 drafters driven California's "Scenic" and historic  
22 Highway 165, Sacramento, North San Joaquin Delta? Amidst  
23 the panoramic Mt. Diablo sunsets many crops are grown:  
24 Pears, asparagus, olives, walnuts, berries, grapes.  
25 RESTORETHEDELTA.ORG gives us news digest.

1           Nine is stoppage or injunction. This literal  
2   cover-up has premature tunnel costs. 2013 news varies as  
3   14 billion to then 67 billion in plans. (SACBEE.COM.)  
4   Why destroy by a tunnel along the natural Delta river  
5   estuary?

6           Ten, notations of common sense. How timely  
7   would be reconsideration on the worst California drought  
8   in its history which the governor has acknowledged?

9           Eleven, California archives. The internet has  
10   information on global agendas to tax water and air space  
11   since 1992. Californians and the state warrant  
12   ownership. However, 19 easements obtained by a Virginia  
13   company major conservancy again paying 22 million dollars  
14   for land. Owens Valley Alps likewise was declined to  
15   dust for LA water. Hetch Hetchy dam, Yosemite, was added  
16   after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, which by the way  
17   did not affect areas of the part of the Delta.

18          Twelve, human migrations from cities to towns  
19   with water. Who are profiteers, both water privateers  
20   and bureaucracy, public paper laundering, reference Roman  
21   history. People can move to the water, not vice versa.

22          And this is a summary of the goals. With  
23   requested actions for North San Joaquin Delta  
24   communities, first, the desalination of Bakersfield  
25   basin, not Delta destruction by tunnels, travesty, along

1 North San Joaquin Delta communities. And second, for  
2 livelihoods with representation of North San Joaquin  
3 County growers of crops, California is number one in  
4 agriculture USA and certainly the largest western America  
5 Delta is significant in that. It's a representation as  
6 well for the protected wildlife, sturgeons and cranes,  
7 marinas, for family recreation, fisherman, et cetera, and  
8 historic communities to be represented like the grand  
9 mansion where my niece had a wedding near Walnut Grove  
10 and Lodi crops.

11 And as a history professor it was very exciting  
12 to see that Franklin has a landmark where one of the last  
13 two survivors who saw the entire Lewis and Clark  
14 expedition lived until he was 70 in Connecticut, brought  
15 his whole family to Franklin, which is right next to  
16 Courtland, which has vineyards, to then live until the  
17 ripe age of 87. So out of all the Lewis and Clark  
18 expeditions, he chose our Sacramento-North San Joaquin  
19 Delta areas. There's much history here.

20 Thank you for again for the free press, the open  
21 meeting documentation. We just ask that none of these  
22 points be simply dismissed by words, that the archives  
23 are indeed considered for California history and  
24 preservation and conservation, and the happiness of all  
25 involved. Thank you very much.

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1           As a postscript I taught teens in five different  
2   counties of California and I taught overseas, which made  
3   me realize how fortunate we are.

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1 COMMENT BY MR. WILL CORNING

2 My name is Will Corning. The last name is  
3 spelled C-O-R-N-I-N-G.

4 And the main thing that I wanted to comment  
5 about -- I am from Antioch, California, and in Antioch  
6 we have -- our water quality currently is fairly low.  
7 We're concerned about the effect that the project will  
8 have on our water quality.

9 I was talking to some of the engineers inside  
10 and they were telling me that, particularly with respect  
11 to fluoride, our water quality might fall or probably  
12 will fall. And I would like to make sure that something  
13 is done so that we -- they said there's always ways to  
14 mitigate, but I would like something to be done to  
15 mitigate that sort of effect on Antioch water supply.

16 Another comment that I have for the project is  
17 a general comment. But it is a very expensive project  
18 that does not create any new sources of water, and it  
19 seems to me with the state spending \$24 billion, that we  
20 should look at things like recycling, water  
21 desalinization, other things which I know are expensive,  
22 but they would develop new water instead of trying to  
23 distribute water that we've already got.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. DON UPDEGRAFF

2 My name is Don Updegraff. It's spelled  
3 U-P-D-E-G-R-A-F-F.

4 We belong -- we own the Clarksburg Marina, and  
5 our concerns are regarding the quality of the fishery  
6 during construction and following construction, as well  
7 as recreational boating in the Clarksburg area. Our  
8 livelihood depends on our customers keeping their boats  
9 at our marina.

10 And I'm wondering if the project is going to  
11 adversely affect the environment that my boaters and  
12 fishermen come to my marina for.

13 I'm also concerned about boating traffic, if  
14 there's going to be an effect in the area of my marina,  
15 and highway traffic along South River Road and River  
16 View Drive where my marina is located.

17 I'm wondering if there are measures in place to  
18 compensate my marina if the project has detrimental  
19 effects to my marina's economy.

20 I'm also concerned about water levels under my  
21 marina. I've been -- in the last three years we've seen  
22 an all-time low water level at the marina, and cannot  
23 physically withstand lower water levels than are  
24 currently being experienced.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. RICHARD MARSHALL

2 My name is Richard Marshall, M-A-R-S-H-A-L-L.

3 I live in Clarksburg, California, and we own a farm  
4 here.

5 The items that I'd like for your consideration.  
6 As this project diminishes the farm acreage in the  
7 Delta, it is going to reduce jobs, and it will reduce  
8 the number of people that live here and their children.  
9 And these schools are struggling down here now with  
10 enrollment, and this will exacerbate that problem.

11 Also, as these areas are inundated with water,  
12 there's going to be a greater problem with the vector  
13 control and other water problems. And I would expect an  
14 increase in the West Nile virus. There's already --  
15 we've had two cases in this area.

16 I think that the thru Delta conveyance is a  
17 much cheaper alternative, which is already known. But I  
18 would really like to see them pursue the thru Delta  
19 conveyance and develop more riparian habitat along those  
20 levees.

21 We also need to move forward on the off stream  
22 storage such as Sikes and Temperance Flat. And try to  
23 find some area where we could build another dam. I  
24 don't know that Auburn is off the table, but something  
25 to that magnitude is definitely needed.

1           And also, rather than spending 25, which will  
2   become \$50 billion on this project, to take that money  
3   and get really serious about improving the economics of  
4   desalination -- or maybe the word is desalinization, I'm  
5   not sure.

6           MS. HOLCOMB:   The people seem to use them  
7   interchangeably.

8           So those are my salient comments.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. MIKE VILHAUER

2 Mike Vilhauer, V as in Victor I-L-H-A-U-E-R.

3 My suggestion, if the money is going to be  
4 paid, the \$25 billion, if you do a quick calculation  
5 with the population of California, 39 million plus, into  
6 the 25 billion, that's approximately \$640 per person for  
7 every citizen in this state.

8 My city is the city of West Sacramento, 48,744  
9 in the 2010 census. That equates to approximately 31  
10 million or over \$31 million. To me it would be better  
11 spent for everyone in this state to do everything in  
12 their own home or business and retrofit with drip lines,  
13 remove all grasses. You could set up programs with this  
14 \$25 billion similarly to what the energy programs or  
15 rebates with PG&E, SMUD, et cetera, but just do it  
16 focusing on water, instead of doing this whole  
17 project -- which will not come in at the \$25 billion as  
18 they claim because there's very few government projects  
19 that do come in under budget.

20 So my suggestion would be to use all that money  
21 to set up conservation programs which would include rain  
22 barrels, rainwater reuse, removal of all grass, drip  
23 lines, native plants, et cetera, to reduce everyone's  
24 water footprint to the absolute minimum. And use  
25 Australia as a template for California, since we both

1 have similar climates and they are at the tail end of a  
2 ten year drought and had to make major conservation or  
3 policy changes as a result.

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1 COMMENTS BY MS. SHANNON LEWIS

2 Shannon Lewis, L-E-W-I-S.

3 Okay. I had some ideas that might help with  
4 some of the issues that are evidently public concern.  
5 One of the issues was enforcement of illegal fishing,  
6 poaching, that sort of thing. And they indicated that  
7 they had it in the budget to hire six new -- what do you  
8 call them? What do you call the guys that enforce  
9 fishing licenses?

10 MS. HOLCOMB: Fish and wildlife?

11 MS. LEWIS: No, enforcement.

12 MS. HOLCOMB: Wardens?

13 MS. LEWIS: Fishing and game wardens. Thank  
14 you, that's it.

15 So when we were talking about that I said, you  
16 know, there's a lot of ground to cover. Even with six  
17 new people all these sloughs and all these back roads,  
18 it might be smarter to deputize some citizens that might  
19 be willing, just in their normal, like the farmers that  
20 they have -- they actually have reason to be back there  
21 more repeatedly than a game warden. So make them able  
22 to stop and ask a person, you know, "Do you have a  
23 license? If not, I'm going to take down your plate  
24 number and I'm going to turn it in, so you're going to  
25 go have to prove it."



1 And then maybe some sort of a system that if  
2 they get somebody and they find them, that they collect,  
3 then the person who turned it in get a stipend of some  
4 sort.

5 All right, that was one idea. And then what  
6 else? It will come to me. Like I said we were talking  
7 for like 45 minutes and then like I go -- I can't  
8 remember.

9 Oh, and we were talking about the noise problem  
10 from the pile driving. And I was really concerned about  
11 the fact that they won't shut the project down because  
12 it happens to be noisy. Maybe they could, you know,  
13 find out where the noise concerns are most concentrated,  
14 and then get, you know, like preempt some of the actions  
15 that they would take, if this is a problem right here,  
16 this is what we can do.

17 Because, like, right now people are just saying  
18 that they're not going to stop construction just because  
19 it gets noisy for somebody or a group.

20 So, like, one of the big concerns I had was for  
21 the schools here. We have three schools in a small  
22 area, so the plan is to -- I guess I'm out of time.

23 MS. HOLCOMB: Go ahead and finish your thought.

24 MS. LEWIS: The drilling is supposedly on the  
25 other side of the water, but I happen to know for a fact

1 that it echoes quite a bit, it goes right over the  
2 water.

3 So if it is a problem for the school, what  
4 exactly is the plan? What are they going to do if it's  
5 so loud that the teachers are complaining that they  
6 can't get the kids to focus or they can't hear  
7 themselves, that kind of thing?

8 So you know, more direct answers as to what the  
9 plan would be.

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11 about and I can't remember.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. HAMER

2 My name is Chuck Hamer.

3 And my comment is that I understand that maybe  
4 up to a billion dollars has been spent on Delta  
5 restoration. And I'm concerned that there's a proposal  
6 to spend another \$3 billion, and I can't really identify  
7 where this Delta restoration has already occurred -- so  
8 what do I want to say? So, you know, I'm just concerned  
9 that the money be spent wisely.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. EUGENE PHILLIPS

2 Eugene Phillips.

3 As a resident of Walnut Grove, I'm concerned  
4 about the tunnel proposal. There have been proposals  
5 for through the Delta transveyance, and this is a far  
6 superior solution. It allows for the creation of  
7 valuable habitat and will provide for the usage of water  
8 by the farmers, the fish, other farmers, other fish, and  
9 can be used multiple times before it ultimately ends up  
10 in the San Joaquin River.

11 So this is a much better way than pulling it  
12 from the Sacramento and shipping it under the Delta  
13 where -- and then to the San Joaquin Valley where it  
14 will only be used once at the far end and not utilized  
15 along the entire distance.

16 A big part of this plan should be the correct  
17 water conservation and usage within the entire San  
18 Joaquin Valley. My experience after driving through the  
19 valley recently is that there is inappropriate  
20 agriculture taking place, and a great deal of water  
21 wasting.

22 I was in a meeting with the head of the West  
23 Land Water District, and he explained -- and he was  
24 explaining that they have to drill to over 2,000 feet to  
25 be able to draw water from their aquifer, at which point

1 it is filled with minerals and it's warm, and they have  
2 to cut it with other water to make it usable. This  
3 indicates that they have destroyed their resources and  
4 now they're coming looking to take advantage of our  
5 resources.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. BOB CHRISTENSEN

2 Bob Christensen, C-H-R-I-S-T-E-N-S-E-N.

3 Well, my comment is just what I'm hearing in my  
4 little world these days is people who don't even know  
5 anything about the Delta are concerned about fracking,  
6 and they feel this tunnel is going to facilitate that  
7 down in the valley.

8 And it does kind of make me wonder, we are a  
9 water poor state, especially in the south, especially in  
10 the drought years like this, and we're going to use all  
11 that water to frack, it takes a lot of water, lots. Not  
12 only does it take a lot of water, it ruins a lot of  
13 water in the aquifer. So I was just wondering if  
14 they're considering that.

15 I imagine it's got to be one of the big  
16 economic factors in the state just like agriculture is.

17 So that's my comment.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. ROBERTO LOVATO

2 Roberto Lovato, L-O-V-A-T-O.

3 We have one comment and that is I would like to  
4 see the time extended for conversation to 365 days. I  
5 mean, I think this is really being pushed.

6 I guess the other thing I'd like to see is have  
7 the public be able to vote on this project.

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MS. FRANCIS: My name is Joanie Francis. And I'm here to talk about the Delta tunnels that they're trying to implement to come into the area, okay, for the environmental and also for the water. I'm really worried about the water, because I think there's volumes of water that are going to go down to the Southern California. I think we need the water up here.

I think that it will impact areas out there into the Delta. The ecosystem is one thing. The ecosystem is one thing, but the -- I think that it will hurt a lot of the areas out there, as far as it will make the water more ocean like, more salty, which is going to hurt the fish in the long run because a lot of fish need the fresh water. And it's going to hurt areas out there where people live. And it's a beautiful area, if you go out on a boat, to be out on the Delta.

I think that there's probably a couple reasons they want the water. Probably for the farmers, probably for the wine growers. But also, in the back of my mind, I'm thinking that they may want that water for fracking. I think that we need to make sure that that water doesn't go for fracking anywhere in the State of California.

1 And I also think there should be regulatory,  
2 as far as how much water can be taken out of the Delta.  
3 Even though they say there is, someone has to make that  
4 decision.

5 I really feel that, as far as I think the Delta  
6 could be done a different way, than putting these huge  
7 tunnels in. It's going to cost a lot of money. I don't  
8 know where the money is coming from, as far as they say  
9 certain people are going to be paying, it's going to  
10 bring jobs in, but what is it going to do for the whole  
11 environment to have these big tunnels? I don't agree  
12 with them at all. I don't agree with the tunnels. I  
13 think there's other ways to -- for the ecosystem to  
14 build up.

15 As far as earthquakes, there hasn't been an  
16 earthquake out there in a billion years. So that's the  
17 thing. In the back of my mind, I think that water is --  
18 I think the whole thing, even though they're making it  
19 sound like it's for the environment and fish, I don't  
20 think it's going to help the fish. I think it's going  
21 to make it worse by having a lot of salt. The fish like  
22 the fresh water.

23 I think it's going to hurt the communities out  
24 there. And I think there should be something regulating  
25 the fact that that water doesn't go for fracking

1 anywhere in the State of California. I think that  
2 Southern California should do other things besides want  
3 our water.

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COMMENT BY MS. VIAGGI

MS. VIAGGI: I'm Sarah Viaggi.

And I attended today's event just to learn more about the water project. One of the things that I think -- well, let me backtrack and say that, before I came here today, I looked at the BDCP's -- if I get the initials right -- website, and I also reviewed what KQED had to say about water and things in California.

One of the things that I think missed the boat was informing me before I got here that this project for the tunnel, okay, to move water through the Delta, only has to do with restoring the Delta and moving water within the Delta. It doesn't have anything to do with moving water through California.

The impression that I had gotten before I came here today was that this project was instead of the peripheral canals -- I'm sorry -- instead of the Mendota and the California aqueduct canals that we currently have. Indeed, it isn't instead of, it's in addition to. Because I came here with the idea of asking, when do they close the others, okay?

So my point is to go back and make that point up front. Because if they're going to ask taxpayers to vote for something like this, then we just need to be

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1 clear on what we're actually voting for.

2 That's all.

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1 COMMENT BY MR. ROBINSON

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3 MR. ROBINSON: Greg Robinson, R-O-B-I-N-S-O-N.

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5 I am an environmental engineer, and I'm still  
6 reading the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Most of it is  
7 a very thorough analysis of flora and fauna habitats.  
8 The Plan describes how the Conservation measures can  
9 affect these habitats and how much permanent loss and  
10 fragmentation may be expected. It then sets limits on  
11 these maximum losses allowable before remedial action  
12 must take place.

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14 But who gets to say if these are the right  
15 limits? Shouldn't the voters get to choose how much of  
16 the environment they allow to be reduced? Or should we  
17 leave it to the experts? If so, what experts? Who has  
18 jurisdiction? Is environmental protection a state or  
19 federal issue?

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21 The Plan talks about budget, but what will  
22 it take to get the project started? It establishes  
23 monitoring and sets decision trees to evaluate adverse  
24 effects. The Plan also states unresolved contingencies  
25 are expected and cannot be estimated at this time. What  
is not mentioned in the budget is if the maximum habitat  
losses are exceeded, what the remedial action will be,  
and how much it will cost.

1 Not only will we have to pay to build the  
2 project, we also have to pay to monitor this environment,  
3 and then pay for any necessary corrective actions.  
4 Since any realized damage cannot be known ahead of time,  
5 the budget is inherently open-ended and can be  
6 unpredictable.

7 With this environmental impact and unlimited  
8 budget, it will be tough to get support. To get the  
9 public to support and approve the budget for this  
10 project, I recommend you should promote the significant  
11 advantages. For example, the modelled scenarios in the  
12 Bay Delta Conservation Plan show Conservation Measure 1,  
13 or the "Tunnels" project, will increase water flows  
14 enough to mobilize or pick up methyl-mercury deposited  
15 by Sierra mining. So the Tunnels will pick up mercury  
16 from the Delta sediment and pump it out the aqueduct.

17 I'm sure Northern California citizens would be  
18 in favor of that. You should tell the public of the  
19 significant advantages so you can get their support for  
20 this project. So I view this as a way to clean the  
21 contaminants out of the Delta.

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1 COMMENT BY MR. REGAN

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3 MR. REGAN: My name is Tim Regan, R-E-G-A-N.

4 I'm with the Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club in

5 San Francisco, and I have just four short points.

6 Number one, I speak for the rivers. I believe

7 that you can determine the health of the planet by the

8 health of its rivers. Our rivers have been de-watered

9 and diverted and damned, parenthesis, in most senses of

10 the word, closed parenthesis. The BDCP Plan only

11 enhances the risk of further degradation of our most

12 precious rivers.

13 Number two, I speak for the fish and the

14 wildlife. Tragically, the decline of our once abundant

15 fisheries and wildlife habitat only accelerate on

16 the BDCP Plan. Environmental protections already in

17 place have been hard-won and deemed to be the minimum

18 necessary to ensure the survival of critical species.

19 The BDCP Plan, and even the drought, should not trump

20 the necessary protections.

21 Number three, I speak for the voters. As a

22 voter and a taxpayer, I'm offended by the clever

23 legislative and bureaucratic tactics engaged in by the

24 backer of this plan to push this project through without

25 a vote of the people. Their fears should be noted.

1 Common sense, fair play, and transparency demand that  
2 the voters be given the opportunity to decide.

3 Number four, I speak for seven generations. We  
4 have an obligation to ensure that our children and our  
5 children's children will have the benefit of the natural  
6 resources that belong to all. As Chief Seattle said in  
7 his letter to the president who wanted to buy their  
8 land, quote, The shining water that moves in the streams  
9 and rivers is not just water, but the blood of our  
10 ancestors. If we sell you our land, you must remember  
11 that it is sacred. Each glossy reflection in the clear  
12 waters of the lakes tell of events and memories in the  
13 life of my people. The water's murmur is the voice of  
14 my father's father. The rivers are our brothers. They  
15 quench our thirst. They carry our canoes and feed our  
16 children. So you must give the rivers the kindness that  
17 you would give any brother. Will you teach your  
18 children what we have taught our children, that the  
19 Earth is our mother? What befalls the Earth befalls  
20 all the sons of the Earth, closed quote.

21 Thank you.

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DENISE VEDDER

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(4:09 P.M.)

MS. VEDDER: My name is Denise Vedder,  
V-E-D-D-E-R. I'm a public affairs manager with the  
San Diego County Water Authority, and I'm reading a  
letter that provides comments on behalf of the Water  
Authority. It is signed by our general manager, Maureen  
Stapleton:

Dear Mr. Wulff:

This letter raises a number of  
questions related to funding and  
financing issues embodied within the  
Public Review Draft Bay Delta  
Conservation Plan (BDCP). In addition  
to these questions which are submitted  
as part of the BDCP Open House in  
San Diego on February 6, 2014, the  
Water Authority intends to submit a  
more comprehensive comment letter on  
the Public Review Draft BDCP and  
associated draft EIR/EIS documents  
prior to the April 14th, 2014 comment  
deadline and the close of public  
review.

As a large member agency of the

1 largest State water contractor, the  
2 Metropolitan Water District of Southern  
3 California (MWD), the Water Authority  
4 and its rate payers are being counted  
5 upon to pay the second largest share of  
6 BDCP costs in the State (among MWD  
7 member agencies) second only to Kern  
8 County Water Agency. Accordingly, we  
9 have requested on multiple occasions  
10 the opportunity to directly engage in  
11 BDCP cost allocation discussions and  
12 negotiation process. Those requests  
13 have gone unanswered. We renew that  
14 request with this letter.

15 The stakes are so high for the  
16 San Diego region that the Water  
17 Authority should clearly be afforded  
18 the opportunity to directly participate  
19 in the cost allocation negotiations and  
20 be provided the information we need to  
21 assess whether the preferred  
22 alternative advocated by the BDCP  
23 program will provide water supply  
24 benefits commensurate with the billions  
25 of dollars our rate payers are being

1 counted on to pay.

2 We also must ensure that our rate  
3 payers are not at risk of paying costs  
4 for BDCP water supplies of other MWD  
5 member agencies or other State or  
6 Federal contractors and the costs are  
7 allocated to the participants based on  
8 the proportion of benefits received.

9 To date we have received no  
10 assurances to these concerns. Over the  
11 past several years, I have sent several  
12 letters to officials within the  
13 California Natural Resources Agency  
14 raising a number of questions regarding  
15 the proposed project. To date, the  
16 Water Authority has received no  
17 response to those questions.

18 I incorporate those letters attached  
19 and the petitions -- the questions they  
20 raised with this letter. We renew our  
21 request for answers raised in those  
22 letters with this letter.

23 We strongly believe that each  
24 participant in the BDCP must have  
25 clearly delineated capital and



1 operations and maintenance cost  
2 responsibility identified and be  
3 provided sufficiently detailed  
4 information to evaluate the cost  
5 benefit or feasibility of participating  
6 in the project.

7 The Water Authority has previously  
8 heard Dr. David Sunding's report to the  
9 MWD board of directors that the cost  
10 benefit analyses have been produced by  
11 the BDCP for all urban and agricultural  
12 water contractors and that include cost  
13 benefit analyses for each MWD member  
14 agency including the Water Authority.

15 The Water Authority has made multiple  
16 requests. These requests have been  
17 ignored. We renew that request with  
18 this letter.

19 There's still a little bit left in the letter  
20 but we are submitting it as part of the record.

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23 (Public comment session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.)

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