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Comment on the BDCP draft EIR/EIS from Charlyn R Connor, North Delta Farmer. July 26, 2014

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My family has farmed for a living on 280 acres south of Clarksburg since 1872. The issue that concerns me is WATER QUALITY which is vital for sustaining our livelihood and our safe drinking water.

Under BDCP Executive Summary (ES-12, line 1) "Flow is important to control salinity intrusion into the Delta". Chapter 8, page 408, lines 36-38 states "outflow will be reduced by up to 864,000 acre feet under Alternative 4 and (page 409, lines 36-38) the result will be increased seawater intrusion". In Chapter 8, pages 436-438 the report states, "increased salinity will occur in much of the Delta". Appendix 8H admits salinity standards will be regularly violated.

MY QUESTION: Is this legal?

Current water law establishes common pool principle, area of origin priorities, and export of SURPLUS WATER ONLY. How can you justify violating the water regulations of the Bay Delta Accord, North Delta water contracts, and the Delta Reform Act water code 85320 in order to export more Northern California water for corporate agribusiness to continue irrigating toxic land on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley, an area with no drainage and therefore unsustainable?

There are other plans proposed that are far less costly, provide additional water storage, protect and restore the Delta, and are just for all concerned. Refer to [www.restorethedelta.org](http://www.restorethedelta.org)

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My concern is for the supply and quality of our ground water. Quoting from the BDCP EIR High Lights Statement, page 21, "Ground water is used throughout the Delta for agricultural, municipal, and industrial needs. However, an accurate accounting is NOT AVAILABLE because wells that pump ground water are NOT METERED." The EIR continues on page 22, "The State does not maintain a state-wide groundwater management program...the potential for groundwater degradation beneath restoration areas is NOT KNOWN".

MY QUESTION: How can an environmental impact report be considered complete or dependable without reliable data on this crucial and vital part of the Twin Tunnel Project's impact on our environment?