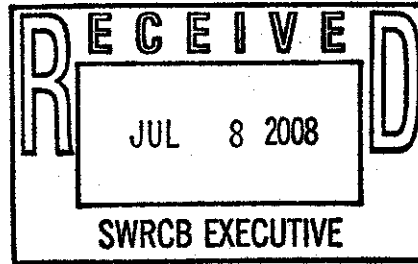


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RE: Comments on Bay/Delta Strategic Plan

Gentlemen:

I am the fourth generation of our home and vineyard located at 42490 Waukeena Road, Clarksburg, CA. Below are my comments regarding the imposition the following plans will cause:

TRADING WATER FOR WETLANDS.....

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the State Water Resources Control Board's Strategic Workplan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary, as presented, contains major flaws that, if implemented, could jeopardize the water supply of central and southern California.

ISSUE #1

The agencies that claim "the Delta is broken" are now claiming that they know how to fix it...? The truth is that the Delta is not broken but only raped and pillaged by every water agency south of the State Capitol.

ISSUE #2

The DWR, Fish & Game, U.S. Fish & Wildlife have never fixed their existing dilemmas, i.e., fish screens at the Harvey O. Banks Pumping (a fish grinding facility), Davis Lake, Kesterson National Wildlife Preserve, are only a few that come to mind.

ISSUE #3

Flooded wetlands consume 10 times the water than irrigated farm land.

ISSUE #4

The channels leading to Clifton Cort Forbay need dredging to increase water flow—not a peripheral channel. Dredging removes bad aqueduct plants and the spoil not only widens but also strengthens levees.

ISSUE #5

There is not a conveyance problem but a storage problem—failure to build the Auburn Dam and storage facilities like the Los Valaros ad San Louis Reservoir should store water in high flow times to be used for the summer use (or during drought times) should be of highest priority.

ISSUE #6

Removing sections of the levee for "habitat" endangers all islands in the Delta. Waves driven by high winds on open water can and will destroy a good levee in one night (a fact after the 1986 flood). Once one island floods, the waves cause a domino affect thus breaking adjoining islands' levees.

Given the "perfect storm", enough islands could be lost to ruin water quality and allow salt water to reach the California Aqueduct and the Delta Mendota Canal.

I believe trading water for habitat, at whatever cost, is a flawed policy and bad for California.

Respectfully,

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