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Managing Water in the West

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Coordinated Long-term Operation of Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP)

Public Meetings - September 2015



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation

Meeting Approach

- Opportunities to learn and discuss at subject matter stations
- Brief slide presentation on Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
 - Background
 - Alternatives analyzed in the DEIS
 - Schedule
- Opportunities to provide input on the DEIS:
 - Written comment cards
 - Spoken comments to a court reporter onsite

If You have Questions about the DEIS

- **Staff available before and after brief slide presentation for questions and discussions on DEIS topics:**

Purpose and Need for the Project

Surface Water, Water Supplies, Water Quality, and Groundwater

Biological Resources

Socioeconomics

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Guidelines for this Public Input Meeting

- **Complete this brief slide presentation on time**
- **Direct questions or comments on the DEIS to the subject matter team**
- **Let speakers finish without interruption**
- **Respect the meeting approach**

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Overview of DEIS

- Background and Recent Court Decisions
- Study Area and Evaluation Period
- Range of Alternatives
- Opportunities to Provide Comments on DEIS

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Background for the DEIS

2008

- Reclamation issued a Biological Assessment (BA) for the Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) issued a Biological Opinion (BO) with a Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (RPA) for the Delta Smelt and their critical habitat
- Reclamation initiated operations under the BO and the RPA

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Background for the DEIS - continued

2009

- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a BO with a RPA for salmonids, green sturgeon, and killer whale and their critical habitats
- Reclamation initiated operations under the BO and the RPA
- The District Court for the Eastern District (District Court):
 - Remanded portions of the BOs back to USFWS and NMFS
 - Required Reclamation to complete a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis to review impacts related to implementing the BOs

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Results of the Delta Smelt Consolidated Cases

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (Ninth Circuit)
 - Issued an opinion on March 13, 2014, to reverse the remanded USFWS BO District Court Opinion
 - Issued Mandate September 16, 2014
- District Court
 - Revised Final Order issued October 1, 2014
- U.S. Supreme Court
 - Two Petitions for Writ of Certiorari submitted on October 2 and 7, 2014
 - Denied the Writ on January 12, 2015

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Results of the Salmonid Consolidated Cases

- **Ninth Circuit**

Issued an opinion on December 22, 2014, to reverse the remanded NMFS BO District Court Opinion

Judgment entered in favor of Federal Defendants and Defendant-Intervenors on all remaining claims

Mandate issued on February 17, 2015

- **District Court**

Revised Final Order issued May 5, 2015

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Results of the Need for a NEPA Document

- **Ninth Circuit**

Did not change the District Court's mandate to complete a NEPA document to analyze potential effects related to implementation of the BOs

- **District Court**

Revised Final Order issued October 1, 2014

The District Court mandated that the Record of Decision (ROD) be completed by:

- December 1, 2015 (per the Consolidated Delta Smelt Cases)
- December 1, 2016 (per the Consolidated Salmonid Cases)

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Purpose of the Action

- Continue the operation of the CVP, in coordination with the SWP, for the authorized purposes, in a manner that:

Is similar to historic operational parameters with certain modifications;

Is consistent with Federal Reclamation law; other Federal laws; Federal permits and licenses and; State of California water rights, permits, and licenses; and

Enables Reclamation and DWR to satisfy their contractual obligations to the fullest extent possible.

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Evaluation Period and Study Area

- Evaluation Period

Year 2030

Climate change and sea level rise at Year 2030 for all alternatives

- Extent of Study Area

CVP and SWP service areas

Reservoirs in CVP and SWP service areas that store CVP and/or SWP water

Rivers downstream of CVP and SWP reservoirs

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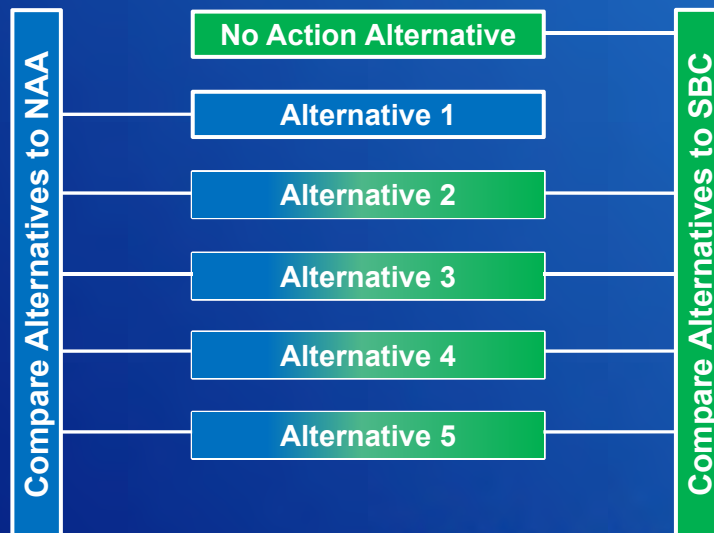
Range of Alternatives

- **No Action Alternative (NAA)**
Continuation of existing policy and management direction for Year 2030
CVP and SWP operations with full implementation of the RPA actions in the 2008 FWS BO and 2009 NMFS BO
- **Second Basis of Comparison (SBC)**
CVP and SWP operations that would have occurred without implementation of the 2008 FWS and 2009 NMFS BOs
- **Alternatives 1 – 5**
Range of alternatives described on subsequent slides

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Environmental Consequences



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Assumptions Included in NAA, SBC, and Alternatives 1 - 5

- Continued implementation of Central Valley Project Improvement Act Programs
- Red Bluff Pumping Plant
- Whiskeytown Lake temperature control devices
- Lower American River Flow Management Standard
- San Joaquin River Restoration Program
- Habitat restoration of up to:
 - 10,000 acres wetland habitat (Cache Slough/Suisun Marsh)
 - 17,000 to 20,000 acres floodplain habitat in Yolo Bypass

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Alternative 1

- CVP and SWP Operations
 - Identical to SBC
- Non-Operational Actions
 - Identical to SBC

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Alternative 2

- **CVP and SWP Operations**

Identical to NAA

- **Non-Operational Actions**

Does not include actions identified in the BOs that have not been fully defined at this time and could result in construction

- Fish passage at Shasta, Folsom, and New Melones dams
- Temperature management devices at Folsom Lake
- Ecosystem restoration projects along the Stanislaus River
- Improvements at Tracy and Skinner fish collection facilities

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Alternative 3

- **CVP and SWP Operations**

Similar to SBC

Plus Old and Middle River Criteria (OMR) to reduce “reverse flows” in the central and southern Delta less stringent than under NAA

- **Non-Operational Actions**

Predation Control

- Increase Black Bass and Striped Bass bag limits
- Pikeminnow sport reward program

Trap and Haul Fish Passage

Trap at Head of Old River and barge to Chipps Island

Ocean Harvest Limits Revisions

- Consistent with Viable Salmonid Population standards for natural origin Central Valley Chinook Salmon

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Alternative 4

- **CVP and SWP Operations**

Identical to SBC

- **Non-Operational Actions**

Predation Control same as Alternative 3

Trap and Haul Fish Passage – same as Alternative 3

Ocean Harvest Limits Revisions

- Salmon harvest restrictions to reduce by-catch of winter-run and spring-run Chinook Salmon to less than 10 percent of age-3 cohort in all years

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Alternative 5

- **CVP and SWP Operations**

Similar to NAA

Plus requirements for positive OMR Criteria in April and May (no reverse flow conditions)

Delta Cross Channel operations per pilot study

- **Non-Operational Actions**

Same as NAA

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EIS Schedule

- **Public Draft EIS Published** **July 31, 2015**
- **Public Meetings**
 - **Sacramento** **September 9, 2015**
 - **Red Bluff** **September 10, 2015**
 - **Los Banos** **September 15, 2015**
 - **Irvine** **September 17, 2015**
- **End of DEIS Comment Period** **September 29, 2015**
- **Final EIS Published** **Late October 2015**
- **Record of Decision** **December 1, 2015**

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How to Comment on the DEIS

- **At the Public Meeting**
 - Submit a Comment Card at the Public Meeting
 - Meet with the Court Reporter to record your verbal comment
- **U.S. Post Office Mail – Send comments to:**
 - Ben Nelson, Natural Resources Specialist,
 - Bureau of Reclamation, Bay Delta Office,
 - 801 I Street, Suite 140, Sacramento, CA 95814-2536
- **Email – Send comments to:**
 - bcnelson@usbr.gov
- **Fax – Send comments to:**
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Managing Water in the West

Borrador de la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental para la Operación coordinada a largo plazo del Proyecto del Valle Central de California (CVP) y el Proyecto Hídrico Estatal (SWP)

Juntas públicas - Septiembre de 2015



U.S. Department of the Interior
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Enfoque de la junta

- Oportunidades para aprender y dialogar en las estaciones de las materias
- Breve presentación de diapositivas del Borrador de la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental (Draft Environmental Impact Statement, DEIS)
 - Antecedentes
 - Alternativas analizadas en el DEIS
 - Calendario de eventos
- Oportunidades para dar su opinión con respecto al DEIS:
 - Tarjetas de comentarios por escrito
 - Comentarios orales a un relator del tribunal en el lugar

Si tiene preguntas sobre el DEIS

- El personal estará disponible antes y después de la presentación de diapositivas para preguntas y diálogos acerca de temas del DEIS:

El propósito y la necesidad del proyecto

Aguas superficiales, suministros de agua, calidad del agua y aguas subterráneas

Recursos biológicos

Aspectos socioeconómicos

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Directrices para esta junta de opinión pública

- Complete esta breve presentación de diapositivas a tiempo.
- Dirija sus preguntas o comentarios acerca del DEIS al equipo de la materia.
- Permita que los presentadores hablen sin interrupciones.
- Respete el enfoque de la junta.

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Resumen del DEIS

- Antecedentes y decisiones recientes del Tribunal
- Área de estudio y periodo de evaluación
- Rango de alternativas
- Oportunidades para proporcionar comentarios acerca del DEIS

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Antecedentes para el DEIS

2008

- El Departamento de Recuperación emitió una Evaluación biológica (Biological Assessment, BA) para las operaciones a largo plazo del Proyecto del Valle Central de California (Central Valley Project, CVP) y el Proyecto Hídrico Estatal (State Water Project, SWP).
- El Servicio de Pesca y Vida Silvestre de EE. UU. (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USFWS) emitió una Opinión biológica (Biological Opinion, BO) con una Alternativa razonable y prudente (Reasonable and Prudent Alternative, RPA) para el eperlano del delta y su hábitat crítico.
- El Departamento de Recuperación inició operaciones en el marco de la BO y la RPA.

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Antecedentes para el DEIS, continuación 2009

- El Servicio Nacional de Pesca Marina (National Marine Fisheries Service, NMFS) publicó una BO con una RPA para salmónidos, esturión verde y la orca y sus hábitats críticos.
- El Departamento de Recuperación inició operaciones en el marco de la BO y la RPA.
- El Tribunal de Distrito para el Distrito del Este (Tribunal de Distrito):

Devolvió partes de las BO consignados al USFWS y al NMFS.

Exigió al Departamento de Recuperación que complete un análisis de la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental (National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA) para revisar los impactos relacionados con la implementación de las BO.

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Resultados de los casos consolidados sobre el eperlano del delta

- Tribunal de Apelaciones del Noveno Circuito de Estados Unidos (Noveno Circuito)

Emitió una opinión el 13 de marzo de 2014, para revertir la opinión consignada del Tribunal de Distrito sobre la BO del USFWS.

Emitió un mandato el 16 de septiembre de 2014.

- Tribunal de Distrito

Revisó su auto final emitido el 1.º de octubre de 2014.

- Tribunal Supremo de EE. UU.

Se le enviaron dos peticiones para un recurso de certiorari el 2 y el 7 de octubre de 2014.

El recurso se denegó el 12 de enero de 2015.

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Resultados de los casos consolidados sobre los salmónidos

- **Noveno Circuito**

Emitió una opinión el 22 de diciembre de 2014, para revertir la opinión consignada del Tribunal de Distrito sobre la BO del NMFS.

El fallo se declaró a favor de los acusados federales y los demandados-interventores en todas las reclamaciones restantes.

El mandato se emitió el 17 de febrero de 2015.

- **Tribunal de Distrito**

Revisó su auto final emitido el 5 de mayo de 2015.

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Resultados de la necesidad de un documento para cumplir la NEPA

- **Noveno Circuito**

No cambió el mandato del Tribunal de Distrito para completar un documento para cumplir la NEPA con el fin de analizar los posibles efectos relacionados con la implementación de las BO.

- **Tribunal de Distrito**

Revisó su auto final emitido el 1.º de octubre de 2014.

El Tribunal de Distrito ordenó que el registro de decisión (Record of Decision, ROD) se complete para el:

- 1.º de diciembre de 2015 (según los casos consolidados del eperlano del delta)
- 1.º de diciembre de 2016 (según los casos consolidados de salmónidos)

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Propósito de la acción

- Continuar con la operación del CVP, en coordinación con el SWP, para los propósitos autorizados, de forma que:

sea comparable con los parámetros históricos de operación con ciertas modificaciones;

sea consistente con la Ley Federal de Recuperación; con otras leyes federales; permisos y licencias federales; permisos y licencias de aguas del estado de California; y

permita al Departamento de Recuperación y al DWR satisfacer sus obligaciones contractuales al mayor grado posible.

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Área de estudio y periodo de evaluación

- Periodo de evaluación

Año 2030

Cambio climático y aumento del nivel del mar en el año 2030 para todas las alternativas

- Alcance del área de estudio

Áreas de servicio del CVP y el SWP

Reservas en áreas de servicio del CVP y SWP que almacenan agua del CVP o SWP

Los ríos aguas abajo de las reservas del CVP y SWP

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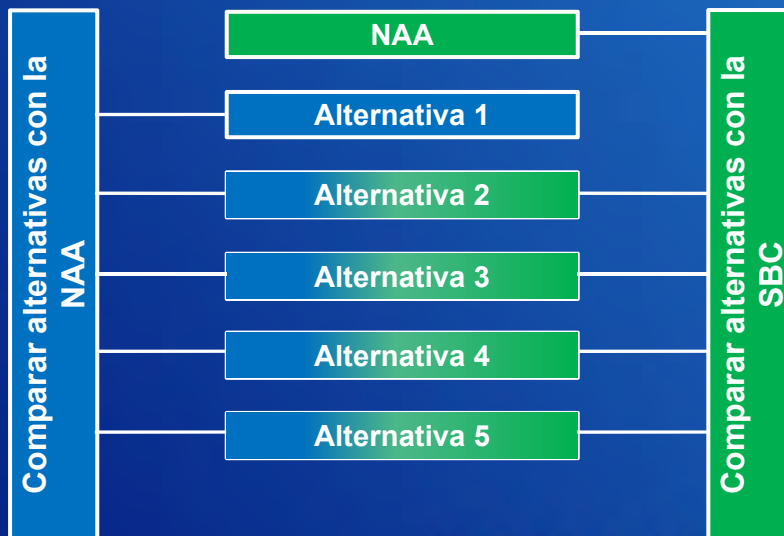
Rango de alternativas

- Alternativa de ausencia de acción (No Action Alternative, NAA)
 - Continuación de la política y la dirección de la gestión actual para el año 2030
 - Operaciones del CVP y el SWP con implementación completa de las acciones RPA en la BO de 2008 del Servicio de Pesca y Vida Silvestre (Fish and Wildlife Service, FWS) y la BO de 2009 del NMFS
- Segunda base de comparación (Second Basis of Comparison, SBC)
 - Operaciones del CVP y el SWP que hubieran ocurrido sin implementación de las BO de 2008 del FWS y de 2009 del NMFS
- Alternativas 1 a 5
 - Rango de alternativas descritas en diapositivas posteriores

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Consecuencias ambientales



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Supuestos incluidos en la NAA, la SBC y Alternativas 1 a 5

- Implementación continua de programas de la Ley de Mejora de el Proyecto del Valle Central
- Planta de bombeo Red Bluff
- Dispositivos de control de la temperatura del Lago Whiskeytown
- Norma de Administración del Caudal del Río American
- Programa de Restauración del Río San Joaquin
- Restauración del hábitat de hasta:
 - 10,000 acres de hábitat de humedales (Cache Slough/Suisun Marsh)
 - 17,000 a 20,000 acres de hábitat de terreno inundable en Yolo Bypass

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Alternativa 1

- Operaciones del CVP y SWP
 - Idénticas a la SBC
- Acciones no operativas
 - Idénticas a la SBC

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Alternativa 2

- Operaciones del CVP y SWP

Idénticas a la NAA

- Acciones no operativas

Sin incluir acciones identificadas en los BO que no hayan sido totalmente definidas en este momento y que podrían dar lugar a la construcción

- Paso de peces en las presas de Shasta, Folsom y New Melones
- Dispositivos de manejo de temperatura en el lago Folsom
- Proyectos de restauración de ecosistemas en el río Stanislaus
- Mejoras en las instalaciones de recolección de peces en Tracy y en Skinner

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Alternativa 3

- Operaciones del CVP y SWP

Similar a la SBC

Además de criterios de los ríos Old y Middle (Old and Middle River, OMR) para reducir los “flujos inversos” en el delta central y del sur: menos estrictos que bajo la NAA

- Acciones no operativas

Control de depredación

- Aumentar los límites de pesca de lobina negra y lubina rayada
- Programa de recompensa para pesca deportiva de carpa del Colorado

Pasaje de peces por medio de captura y traslado

Captura donde inicia el río Old y barcaza a la isla Chipps

Revisión de los límites de captura en el océano

- Conformidad con los estándares de poblaciones viables de salmónidos para salmón rosado de origen natural del Valle Central

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Alternativa 4

- **Operaciones del CVP y SWP**

Idénticas a la SBC

- **Acciones no operativas**

Control de depredación: igual a la Alternativa 3

Pasaje de peces por medio de captura y traslado: igual a la Alternativa 3

Revisión de los límites de captura en el océano

- Restricciones de captura de salmón para reducir la pesca durante la migración de invierno y de verano del salmón rosado a menos del 10 por ciento del grupo de edad de 3 años, cada año

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Alternativa 5

- **Operaciones del CVP y SWP**

Similar a la NAA

Además de los requisitos para los Criterios OMR positivos en abril y mayo (no hay condiciones de flujo inverso)

Operaciones entre los canales del delta por estudio piloto

- **Acciones no operativas**

Igual a la NAA

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Calendario de eventos de la EIS

- Borrador público de la EIS publicado el 31 de julio de 2015
- Juntas públicas
 - Sacramento 9 de septiembre de 2015
 - Red Bluff 10 de septiembre de 2015
 - Los Banos 15 de septiembre de 2015
 - Irvine 17 de septiembre de 2015
- Fin de la fecha de comentarios del DEIS 29 de septiembre de 2015
- La EIS final se publicará a finales de octubre de 2015
- Registro de decisión 1.º de diciembre de 2015

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Cómo hacer comentarios acerca del DEIS

- En la junta pública
 - Entregue una tarjeta de comentarios en la junta pública
 - Reúnase con el relator del tribunal para grabar sus comentarios orales
- Correo postal de EE. UU. - Envíe sus comentarios a:
 - Ben Nelson, Natural Resources Specialist,
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1 **23B.9 Sign-In Sheets from Public Meetings**

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1 **23B.10 Transcript of Verbal Comments from Public**
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Public Meetings
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
for the Coordinated Long-Term Operation
of the Central Valley Project
and State Water Project

Thursday, September 10, 2015
Red Bluff Community Center
1500 S. Jackson St
Red Bluff, CA 96080
6:00 P.M.

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Reported By: Priscilla Steele, CSR No. 14052

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1 PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

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3 JAMES BROBECK: I'm a water policy analyst for
4 Aqualliance; one word with one A in the middle. It's an

5 organization.

6 My first comment is that the comment period needs
7 to be extended. This is a voluminous document, and it was
8 not distributed in a timely manner. I've been able to
9 review some of it online, but online is very un-user-
10 friendly as far as searching because it comes in so many
11 segments. And it took over a week to receive one of these
12 CDs in the mail for the entire project. I'm just getting
13 one right now for the first time, leaving me two weeks to
14 review this and compose legitimate comments. So I am
15 asking the Bureau to extend the comment period another 30
16 days and to ask the Court for flexibility in issuing the
17 FEIS and the record of decision, that the artificial
18 deadline for the ROD makes it impossible for the public to
19 fully analyze the alternatives and to compose valid
20 comments. Would like to see a 30-day, if not a 60-day
21 extension.

22 I was very concerned that the presentation
23 tonight gave the purpose of the action as what appeared to
24 be maintaining the status quo on water deliveries, in
25 contradiction to the hydrologic reality of the system.

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1 The presentation disfavored reasonable reductions that
2 would have perhaps protected the fishery, in favor of
3 meeting so-called obligations to deliver water. I say
4 "so-called" because these are not obligations. The Bureau
5 is required to balance the public trust with the desires
6 of the contract of those receiving the water. And the
7 operations of the water projects have been in favor of the
8 contractors, to the disadvantage of the public trust as
9 clearly evidenced by the destruction of the delta smelt,

10 the destruction of the salmon in the Sacramento River.

11 I'm outraged that last year's operations wiped
12 out the winter and spring salmon before they spawned. And
13 it appears that mismanagement is going to replicate the
14 destruction of this year's salmon population, leading to a
15 probable extinction of this species.

16 I'm amazed that Alternative 1 and 4 are being
17 presented, the alternatives the contractors sent because
18 they clearly violate the court orders to protect the
19 public trust. I think that this process is invalidated by
20 the failure of the Department of Water Resources to create
21 a CEQA equivalent document. There is no CEQA equivalent
22 document for this project. There needs to be because the
23 State Water Project is integral. This is the coordinated
24 SDWP, State Department of Water Resources. And the CVP is
25 the federal part. So here we are having the feds come up

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1 with a draft document, but there is no document to cover
2 the state side of it. There needs to be a sequel
3 equivalent analysis.

4 I'm upset that the Bureau's presentation tonight
5 obfuscated the fact that the lawsuits they cited were
6 lawsuits that were being presented by state water
7 contractors. That obfuscation is unnecessary. It's
8 important to know who is pushing this process. And it's
9 not the public. It's a very small portion of the
10 California population. The state water contractors and
11 settlement contractors were the ones pushing to eliminate
12 the BO and the RPA. The Central Valley Hydrologic model
13 ends in 2003, omitting the most current 12 years. The
14 model is therefore completely inadequate, and any

15 conclusions from the model are as well.

16 NORA TODENHAGEN: My concern with the project and
17 the alternatives is that they are based on what is,
18 really, incomplete data. We don't have a true analysis of
19 the water coming into the systems if we assume
20 continuation of the streams and tributaries, which have
21 been drained due to groundwater extraction.

22 Also, the model on which these decisions or
23 alternatives are based dates only to 2003. So that all of
24 the data information on groundwater and surface water
25 interactions from 2003 to the present has not been used in

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1 creating these proposals.

2 JAMES BROBECK: Aqualliance is very concerned
3 that the cumulative impacts to the aquifer system
4 resulting from integrating the groundwater into the state
5 water supply through groundwater substitution water
6 transfers. And continued expansion of
7 groundwater-dependent irrigated agriculture is not being
8 revealed or analyzed. The inevitable de-watering of
9 tributaries and extirpation of groundwater-dependent
10 ecosystems, such as Valley Oak Groves, needs to be
11 revealed and analyzed. For the Bureau to analyze only
12 impacts associated with their demand on the groundwater to
13 facilitate water deliveries throughout the state is
14 unacceptable, if not illegal.

15 (Whereupon, the public comment session concluded
16 at 7:45 p.m.)

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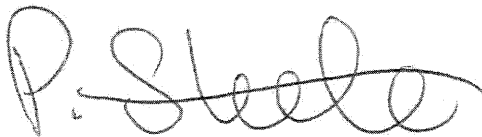
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