

3-DB4

From: dbug@callatg.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 10:29 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

As a concerned sportsman and a small business owner, I am very concerned about the health of the California Delta. This will affect my hobby and my livelihood. It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved. **DB4-1**

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Doug Brutocao
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Sebastopol, California 95473

3-CB

From: geochick123@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 5:17 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It is my understanding that the department is planning to increase pumping of freshwater from the estuary by 27%. It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved. **CB-1**

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Sincerely,

Chris Bucklin
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3-GD

From: galendavis@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 1:44 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

Water and the ecosystems it supports are not to be taken lightly. We need to think creatively and sustainably. **GD-1**

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

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Sincerely,

Galen Davis
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Oakland, California 94602

3-BD

From: shearwater2005@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 12:40 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S. I have worked in the department of watershed and hydrology for the U.S. forest service. I have been educated at Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA. in the department of natural resources and wildlife biology. I am writing to tell you that I oppose your plan and I am calling for an environmentally correct and ethical management plan for the delta. **BD-1**

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Dombrowski
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Pasadena, California 91115

3-LE

From: newmoon@cwnet.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 6:17 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S. Why is it that the worse plans are always given a misleading name, such as "Clear Skies Initiative", and this one - the "Delta Improvement Project", which seems designed to improve the Department of Water resources ability to further degrade the quality of the delta? It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved. LE-1

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future. Why not fully implement this plan? LE-2

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish. This novel concept should be, and I'm sure actually IS the job the Water resources Department was created to do. LE-3

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Lari Evangelinos
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3-JG

From: chupapi007@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2006 9:27 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
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At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

I strongly urge you to do the right thing for our state by ceasing this unreasonable project. | **JG-1**

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Jose Gonzalez
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Stockton, California 95206

3-JC

From: hewayzha@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 10:30 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Do we dare let our fragile ecosystem collapse entirely? We we even know what the ultimate effect will be if that happens? How much damage could this decision possible cause? Please make sure that this situation is studied completely before such possible disastrous decision is made. JC-1

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Sincerely,

Judith Castiano
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3-JP

From: joannp@sfsu.edu
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To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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Also, stop the building in the Delta.

JP-1

Sincerely,

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3-MM

From: MARY MARKUS [mmarkus@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2006 5:24 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

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January 12, 2006

Paul Marshall
Department of Water Resources
1416 Ninth Street
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Mr. Paul A. Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

I WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY IN '94/'95. WE STUDIED AND VISITED THE BAY DELTA AND LEARNED A LOT. PLEASE DO NOT PUMP MORE WATER FROM THE DELTA. WE HAVE A WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PROGRAM IN PLACE THAT SHOULD PRECLUDE ANY MORE THEFT FROM THE BAY DELTA ON OUR PART.

MM-1

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will "increase water deliveries" by pumping more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

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Sincerely,

MARY MARKUS

3-DN

From: Dorothy Norris [dotnorris@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2006 6:40 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Dorothy Norris
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January 13, 2006

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The Bay-Delta suffers from many ecological threats (bioinvasions, pollution from agricultural run-off etc.) and to add yet another stress to the habitat invites disaster. Environmental policies and regulations are there for a purpose usually meaning the transgression has happened before with dire circumstances. Please thoroughly investigate your options before adding another level of damage to an already impacted system.

DN-1

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Norris

650 563 9024

3-PP

From: Patricia Puterbaugh [cohasset@shocking.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 8:51 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Patricia Puterbaugh
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January 17, 2006

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1416 Ninth Street
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

I am familiar with DWRs programs and I sincerely protest this robbery of water from wildlife and ecosystems, including people of the north state. The Delta ecosystem is in crisis. How much evidence do you need before you stop the needless pumping of water out of our precious water system?

PP-1

Sincerely,

Patricia Puterbaugh

3-GK

From: Gretchen Koch [lgkoch@shasta.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2006 3:11 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Gretchen Koch
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January 12, 2006

Paul Marshall
Department of Water Resources
1416 Ninth Street
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Mr. Paul A. Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I am extremely concerned about the consideration to pump more water from the Delta to the south. Not only will this be a major destruction of fish and their habitat it will help to continue to destroy a valuable asset locally.

GK-1

To consider the destruction of the McCloud River and its surrounding areas will destroy one of the last remaining pristine areas in norther California. while I understand the need for water it now is time to have heavy populated coastal areas turn to desalination plants. While this is a very expensive process we can no longer continue to destroy our remaining rivers and streams in order to "water" mass migration. This would be a permanent solution.

GK-2

There appears to be no end in sight for continued migration to California so we must find a permanent solution to water needs not continue to rob our precious river resources. At some point we have to say "stop" and find another way or this state will not be worth living in in the future.

GK-3

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will "increase water deliveries" by pumping more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Koch

5303474040

3-JH

From: Jeff Hoffman [jdh_666@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2006 9:09 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Jeff Hoffman
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January 14, 2006

Paul Marshall
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Mr. Paul A. Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

Delta fish species are crashing and water diversions are considered to be prime factor in fish decline. It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will increase water deliveries by pumping more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S immediately.

JH-1

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

California should not increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs, because those diversions come at the expense of the environment and are caused by other problems, namely overpopulation and waste of water for things like lawn watering instead of growing native plants. Moreover, the State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

JH-2

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hoffman

3-PS2

From: Phil Scordelis [palscor@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2006 9:31 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Phil Scordelis
3218 Maria Court
Concord, CA 94518-1136

January 23, 2006

Paul Marshall
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Mr. Paul A. Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S. My opposition to increased delta pumping arises from my educational background (Bachelor of Arts in Marine Biology from the University of California at Berkeley; Master of Fisheries Science from the University of Washington), and from my experience as a professional fisheries biologist (24 years of Federal service). I am also a native northern Californian and an avid salmon and steelhead fisherman. I have seen those resources decline to near-collapse since I started fishing in the early 1950's.

PS2-1

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will increase water deliveries by pumping more fresh water from the Delta when its fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

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California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

Sincerely,

Phil Scordelis

3-BU

From: Bill Uyeki [bill@troutseeker.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 8:19 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Bill Uyeki
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January 25, 2006

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Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

I would also like to know why the DWR did not schedule any public hearings on the SDIP in the San Francisco Bay area. Considering that this is the second-largest population area of the state and whose drinking and recreational water supplies will be severely impacted by this plan, I find the lack of such a public hearing a dreadful omission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Uyeki

BU-1

3-AN2

From: Adam Noar [apruzman@bishopodowd.org]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 5:54 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

Adam Noar
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February 6, 2006

Paul Marshall
Department of Water Resources
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Mr. Paul A. Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

Though I understand your desires to go ahead with your plan, I request on behalf of the fish populations that you not move forward with a project that will "increase water deliveries" by pumping more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. On behalf of all those that care about the health of our ecosystem, please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

AN2-1

Your simple ignorance to the facts shows that you are not interested in protecting the fish of the Bay Area. Though you may not know this, the Bay estuary is one of the biggest in the United States. It is currently being trashed and neglected. The delta is already suffering from massive water diversions, toxins from pesticides, and invasive species. Though CalFed is aiming to reduce the delta destruction, it is imperative that you, as a leader, take a firm stance on the behalf of the environment. It is a worthy investment that will pay significant dividends for future generations. At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

AN2-2

California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. Are you really looking to help agriculture, or are you knowingly diverting water for your own economic benefit? The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future. Like I have already stated, it is a worthy investment to protect the ecosystem! The efforts that you can take NOW to divert less water may save millions of dollars of ecological restoration in the future!

AN2-3

AN2-4

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Adam Noar

3-MB

From: Marisa Bautista [bautism@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2006 12:01 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

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January 12, 2006

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Dear Mr. Marshall:

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Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

You are an employee hired by the great state of California and as such, one of your duties is to protect and preserve our natural treasures. Please listen to and act upon the concerns of the PEOPLE of California, not vested politicians and business persons. Keep California's resources available for the next generations to come. We are the supposed to be keepers of this beautiful land, NOT its destroyers. Please keep in mind the needs of California and ALL of it's inhabitants.

MB-1

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Sincerely,

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3-JB

From: Juan Byron [juan.byron@stanfordalumni.org]
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2006 4:15 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

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January 13, 2006

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Dear Mr. Marshall:

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Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Dear Sir:

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California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future. The State can legislate and incentivize water conservation for all users equally. We also have to reduce loss of water due to evaporation in the California Aqueduct - why does Afghanistan have underground aqueducts to support their desert irrigation, but we use un-covered aqueducts to support our desert irrigation? Why do we price water in a manner that encourages irrigation and population growth in arid climates in the first place?

JB-1

JB-2

Regards,

Juan Byron

3-BRG

From: Barbara Goodell [bgoodell@mcn.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 5:49 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Increased Pumping Threatens California's Bay-Delta Estuary

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January 17, 2006

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It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will "increase water deliveries" by pumping more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

Future generations deserve to experience as much of the natural Delta as possible. It is a part of our lifeblood and can never be replaced if destroyed.

BRG-1

Sincerely,

Barbara and Rob Goodell
707 895-2953

3-ES

From: ellen.sweeney@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 6:26 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

I don't think it's a good idea to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. California doesn't need more water - I see it wasted every day. The current water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future. Just as we need to conserve energy, we need to conserve our water. ES-1
ES-2
ES-3

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Ellen Sweeney
10285 Dempster Ave.
Cupertino, California 95014

3-AU

From: alunger@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2006 1:23 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Here are my comments on the South Delta Improvement Project
(SDIP) DEIR/S.

Water diversions are a major threat to sensitive species of delta fish. Do not divert more
fresh water from the delta until delta fish populations are sufficient to ensure perpetual
survival. | AU-1

California can meet its current and future water needs by:
1 sub surface drip on farms 2 retiring farmlands that take the most water per job or
dollar of crop 3 prohibiting dairies so that less low value, thirsty alfalfa is raised | AU-2

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities
concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Arthur Unger
2815 Lacresta Drive
Bakersfield, California 93305

3-LT2

From: thompson14@lrl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 6:22 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

I appreciate your soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S. The Delta is literally dying from overuse of water and poor management. I ask you to stop the SDIP DEIR/S process until the causes of fish decline are understood much better than they are now. |LT2-1

The SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that greatly reduces delta pumping and works to improve habitat for all species of fish. |LT2-2

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Larry Thompson
1069 Felicia Court
Livermore, California 94550

3-MD

From: macdowning@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2006 8:40 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

How do we take more water from the delta without causing permanent lost term affects? Will salt water come further in and screw up those of us who live in southern California? **MD-1**
MD-2

Sincerely,

Mac Downing
2150 Pacific Beach Dr, Apt 231
San Diego, California 92109-5614

3-BM3

From: mcgramps@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2006 8:45 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It sounds like you are perhaps still in the deliberative stage on this project. If so, and you have a chance to move the project forward in a way that protects the environment, please do so. **BM3-1**

Would pumping additional water out of the system move the area of salt water influence further upstream? IF so, that doesn't sound like a good thing. **BM3-2**

Sincerely,

Boyd McDonald
255-13 S Rengstorff Ave
Mountain View, California 94040-1727

3-PL

From: ploeff@ispwest.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 8:45 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes of course no sense to move forward with a project that will divert even more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please act responsibly and withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline, including water diversions, are thoroughly investigated and fully resolved.

Already over-populated California cannot afford to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan assumes that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs into an uncertain and scary future. **PL-1**

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, and actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this important project.

Sincerely,

Peter Loeff
P.O.Box 390424
Mountain View, California 94039

3-JN

From: jolektra@ucsc.edu
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 10:15 AM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

I do not agree with a decision to increase freshwater diversions from the delta. Delta fish populations may be highly negatively impacted by such diversions. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated. In the meantime, we ought to increase our efforts towards efficient use of water (in a state that experiences drought) and the end of perverse subsidies for some groups to overuse water so their rights to it are not lost. | JN-1
| JN-2

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future. There is no reason to further degrade ecosystems, in a time of rapid ecological change. | JN-3

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Joanna Nelson
33 Mt. Foraker Dr.
San Rafael, California 94903

3-RV

From: ravosburg@ncinternet.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 6:53 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

Efficiency and reclamation are the future of water. As someone who spent her entire working life in agriculture, I know. | RV-1

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels and actually improves delta water quality. Increasing the salinity of the delta ultimately hurts us all. | RV-2

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Robin Vosburg
912 Rockwood Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93308

3-LP2

From: jinxandme@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 9:23 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Everyone wants more water! It is irresponsible to continue tampering with the natural course of nature. That has been proven many times and in many places. Short term human fixes have proved to be disasterous in the past. Different approaches than this planned diversion of more South Delta water must be persued. This planned diversion increase should be removed from any further consideration.

LP2-1

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Lamar Pittman
2011 West 84th Place
Los Angeles, California 90047-2904

3-RP

From: rcplacone@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 11:17 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A POTENTIAL SOLUTION ONE SELDOM HEARS ABOUT - WATER CONSERVATION. SINCE MUCH OF THE WATER PUMPED GOES TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND TO AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS, STRICT PROGRAMS OF CONSERVATION SHOULD BE DEVELOED AND ENFORCED. CALIFORNIA IS ESSENTIALLY A DESERT STATE, BUT OUR USE OF WATER DOES NOT REFLECT THAT. **RP-1**

It makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the delta when delta fish populations are crashing. While scientists suspect several factors are responsible for the crash, most agree that water diversions are one of the most significant. Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the delta fish decline -- including water diversions -- are investigated and fully resolved.

California does not need to increase delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The state's own water plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces delta pumping from current levels, actually improves delta water quality and habitat, and protects fish.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Richard Placone
601 Chimalus Drive
Palo Alto,, California 94306

3-MAK

February 7, 2006

Mr. Paul A. Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street – 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

FEB 06 2006 00123

Re: South Delta Improvements Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement
(DEIR/S)

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the SDIP DEIR/S.

As residents and elected officials representing Sacramento Valley communities, we are very concerned about the indirect impacts of SDIP on Sacramento Valley surface and groundwater supplies. SDIP makes possible the export south of nearly one million acre feet of surface water and up to another million acre feet of ground water in the Sacramento Valley (see CALFED ROD pg. 43). The indirect impacts of this proposal, including the loss of local water supplies for communities and farms, Sacramento Valley fish and wildlife habitat, and recreation and tourism opportunities, must be taken into account in the SDIP DEIR/S.

MAK-1

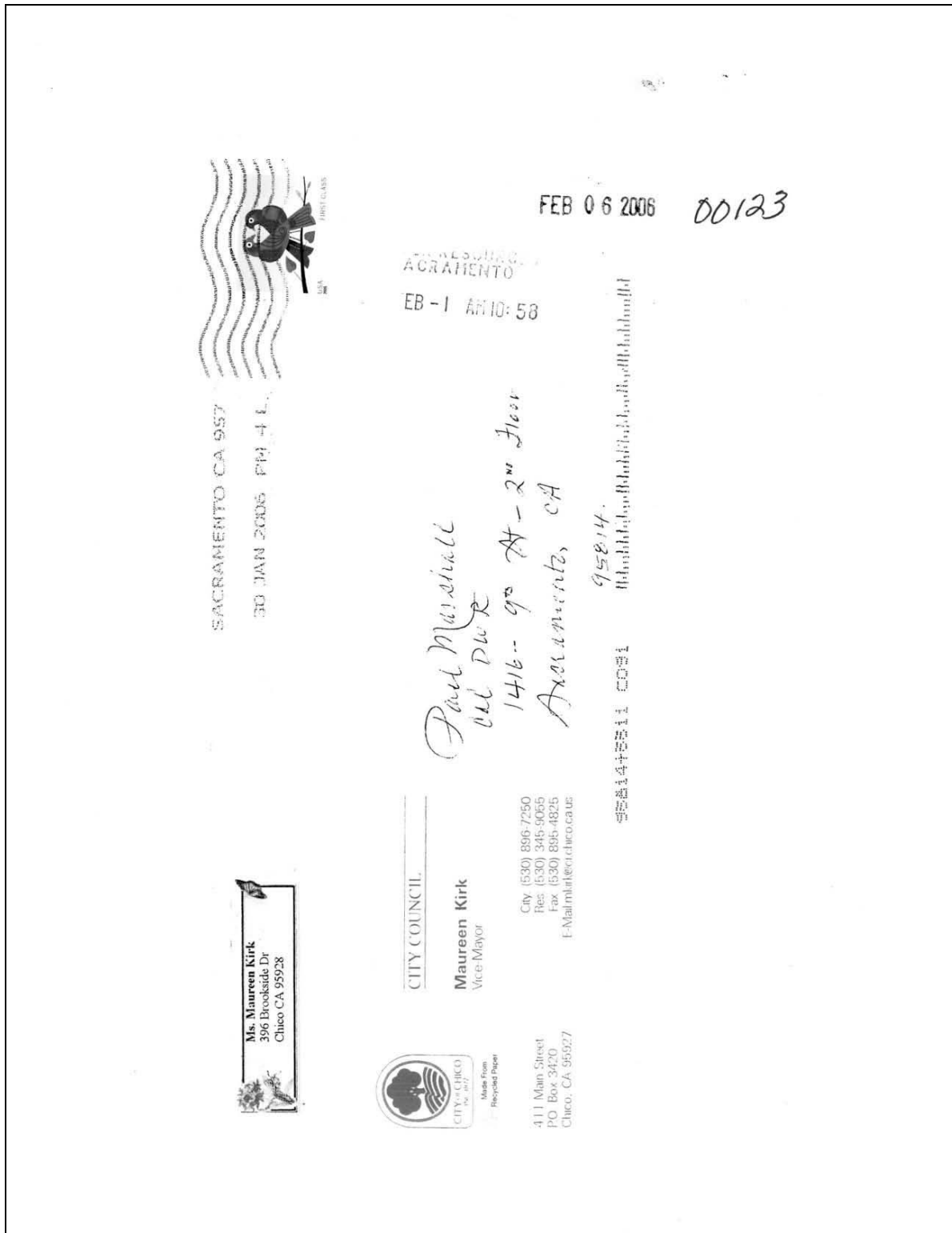
In addition, it makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. The proposal and its likely impacts on the Delta and the Sacramento Valley is particularly troubling given that California does not need to increase Delta diversions to meet its current and future water needs. The State's own Water Plan proves that increased investments in urban and agricultural water use efficiency and reclamation can meet our needs well into the future.

Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified and fully resolved. A revised SDIP DEIR/S should fully account for and mitigate the indirect impacts of new surface and ground water development and export on the Sacramento Valley environment and economy. At the minimum, the SDIP DEIR/S should consider an alternative that significantly reduces Delta pumping from current levels, actually improves Delta water quality and habitat, protects Delta and Sacramento River fish populations, and avoids other impacts on the Sacramento Valley.

Please include me on your mailing list to be notified of any decisions or activities concerning this project.

Sincerely, *Maureen A. Kirk*

Name: *Maureen A. Kirk*
Title/Affiliation: *Vice Mayor*
City: *City of Chico*



Responses to Comments

3-NL-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

3-DM-1, 3-EM-1, 3-TK1-1, and 3-GD-1

The SDIP is intended to balance the needs of the environment with the needs of the water users south of the Delta. Impacts identified as potentially significant will be mitigated to a less than significant level to ensure minimal effects on the environment.

3-SO-1, 3-LD-1, 3-JW-1, 3-DW-1, 3-GS1-1, 3-LP1-1, 3-SL2-1, 3-DB4-1, 3-PS2-1, 3-MB-1, and 3-BRG-1

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including wildlife, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant.

3-PR1-1

The SDIP does not change the zone in which salt water encroaches on the Delta.

3-BW1-1, 3-MW-1

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-MW-2

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including wildlife, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant.

3-BW2-1, 3-TH-2, 3-BF-1, 3-LEF-1, 3-CM-1, and 3-MM-1

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-TH-1, 3-TA1-1, 3-JB-1, and 3-PR2-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

3-PJ2-1

Chapter 5.3 of the SDIP EIS/EIR provides the results of the water quality impact assessment for both SDIP Stage 1 and Stage 2. As summarized in Tables 5.3-1 and 5.3-3, on average salinity would be reduced in the interior south Delta and slightly increase at Emmaton and Jersey Point. This small change in salinity would not significantly affect the quality of water diverted from the Delta. 3-PJ2-2

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-DLS-1

The SDIP Draft EIS/EIR includes an evaluation of the effects SDIP would have on levee stability and sedimentation. The analysis concludes that there would be a less than significant impacts on levee stability.

3-PS1-1

The SDIP is intended to improve water quality in the south Delta and it does not change the Delta outflow during periods when it is lowest (September–October). Additionally, the SDIP does not change the zone in which salt water encroaches on the Delta.

3-BS-1

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-BS-2

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including fish, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant. Additionally, DWR and Reclamation have committed to a Stage 2 evaluation as explained in Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

3-MR-1

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-MR-2

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including wildlife, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant.

3-MK-1

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including wildlife, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant.

3-MK-2

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-TK2-1, 3-CL-1, 3-TA2-1, 3-BD-1

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including fish, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant. Additionally, DWR and Reclamation have committed to a Stage 2 evaluation as explained in Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

3-CL-2

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

3-DB3-1

The SDIP would not change the decisions made in the Trinity ROD that protect the needed fresh water flows and temperatures for fish on the Trinity River.

3-DB3-2

Section 6.1 of the SDIP EIS/EIR provides an assessment of Trinity River aquatic resources. The focus of this assessment was on coho salmon because the impacts on coho salmon were also representative of the potential impacts on Chinook salmon as well as steelhead. 3-CB-1

The actual increase in diversions that is expected to occur is 3-5% depending on the operational scenario. (See Section 5.1, Water Supply of the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR.)

3-LE-1

The SDIP is intended to balance the needs of the environment with the needs of the water users south of the Delta. Impacts identified as potentially significant will be mitigated to a less than significant level to ensure minimal effects on the environment.

3-LE-2 and 3-LE-3

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-JG-1

The purpose and need of the SDIP is described in Chapter 1 of the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR and in Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-JC-1, 3-DN-1, 3-PP-1

The SDIP Draft EIS/EIR represents a full-faith effort to disclose the effects of the SDIP actions to ensure that decision-makers, including DWR and Reclamation, have the best available information on which to base a decision. As described further in the Master Response-Relationship of SDIP to the POD, DWR and Reclamation have committed to another CEQA/NEPA compliance document that will include any new information gathered during the POD investigations, prior to making a decision on increasing diversions.

3-JP-1

The SDIP does not include any development in the Delta except for the control gates and appurtenant structures.

3-GK-1

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including fish, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant. Additionally, DWR and Reclamation have committed to a Stage 2 evaluation as explained in Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

3-GK-2 and 3-GK-3

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-JH-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

3-JH-2

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-BU-1

DWR and Reclamation held five public workshops, one each in Sacramento, Stockton, Oakland, Visalia, and Los Angeles. These workshops provided opportunities for questions about the project as well as submittal of comments. Reclamation held three hearings, one each in Sacramento, Stockton, and Los Angeles where oral comments were accepted. Additionally, DWR and Reclamation provided a 90-day public review period to solicit comments on the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR.

3-AN2-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

3-AN2-2

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including fish, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant. Additionally, DWR and Reclamation have committed to a Stage 2 evaluation as explained in Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

3-AN2-3

The SDIP is intended to balance the needs of the environment with the needs of the water users south of the Delta. Impacts identified as potentially significant will be mitigated to a less than significant level to ensure minimal effects on the environment.

3-AN2-4

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including wildlife, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant.

3-JB-1 and 3-JB-2

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-ES-1, 3-AU-1, and 3-LT2-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

3-ES-2

Please see Master Response L, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the California Water Plan Update 2005*.

3-ES-3, 3-AU-2, and 3-LT2-2

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-MD-1

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including wildlife, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant.

3-MD-2

The SDIP does not change the zone in which salt water encroaches on the Delta.

3-BM3-1

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including wildlife, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant.

3-BM3-2

The SDIP does not change the zone in which salt water encroaches on the Delta.

3-PL-1

Please see Master Response L, Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the California Water Plan Update 2005 3-JN-1

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including fish, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant. Additionally, DWR and Reclamation have committed to a Stage 2 evaluation as explained in Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline..*

3-JN-2

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR.*

3-JN-3

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including wildlife, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant.

3-RV-1

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-RV-2

The SDIP is intended to improve water quality in the south Delta and it does not change the Delta outflow during periods when it is lowest (September–October). Additionally, the SDIP does not change the zone in which salt water encroaches on the Delta.

3-LP2-1 and 3-RP-1

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

3-MAK-1

Section 5.1 of the SDIP EIS/EIR and accompanying appendices provide the results of the assessment of changes in water supply as a result of operating SDIP Stage 2. The hydrologic assessment included estimating changes in storage at Trinity, Shasta, Oroville, and Folsom reservoirs and changes in flows in the Trinity, Sacramento, Feather, and American Rivers. The analysis concluded that changes in storage and river flows would not be substantial and that environmental impacts would be less than significant. The analysis also included an assessment of impacts on Delta resources in the event of some future level of water transfers. The analysis did not include an assessment of the upstream impacts because the place of origin for these transfers is not known. Additional environmental compliance would be required to disclose these impacts before transfers could occur.

Modified Form Letters 4

4-KF

From: tkfuj@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 7:57 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Web Comment

I am writing to advise you of my serious concern for the welfare of the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary and the fisheries that depend upon it for survival. As you may know, the productivity of a significant part of the foodweb in the Delta has collapsed according to agency scientists with the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP). Delta populations of important plankton and shrimp that help fuel the foodweb and drive the system's ecology have disappeared, as have many other important species including Delta smelt, longfin smelt, threadfin shad and young-of-the-year striped bass. Recently the Dept of Fish and Game has sounded the alarm over a dramatic drop in the sturgeon population.

The estuary that once sustained multiple runs of salmon and abundant runs striped bass, American shad, sturgeon, steelhead and a diverse food web is experiencing such low levels of productivity that an ecosystem crash may be imminent. Should this happen, many fisheries will not find the food necessary to sustain their survival. The prolonged decline of our fisheries now averaging between 80 and 95 percent would continue to the point of suffering what may be irreversible damage.

The estuary may be on the verge of an ecological disaster! The collapse of these natural resources would be tragic as hundreds of millions of dollars of public funding has been spent trying to restore the estuary and its fisheries. The economic consequences to the state's sport and commercial fishing industries and the state's tax base could run into many millions of dollars annually. These are industries that have already suffered dramatic losses due to prolonged declines of the Central Valley's once world class fisheries.

Scientists have long maintained that water export is one of the major impacts to the productivity of the of the Bay-Delta estuary. It has changed the natural flow regime and significantly decreased the amount of water that historically flowed through it into the ocean. Instead of the high spring runoff that flowed through the entire estuary, the water projects have reduced Delta outflow by at least 50%, on average, and dramatically changed the timing and the amount of water available to the estuary. These and other changes in the natural flow regime are currently under study by the IEP scientists. I believe they are at the very heart of the problem. While agencies have reacted with an increased effort to further study the declining productivity, the Department of Water Resources continues to move forward with their "South Delta Improvement Project" (SDIP) that could increase water exports out of the Delta by up to 25%! A decision to move forward with the SDIP in the face of a collapsing ecosystem will further compound the estuary's problems and it could do irreparable harm to the estuary and its fisheries.

While I agree with agency scientists that there are other potential sources of impact, including toxic pesticides and herbicides from agricultural runoff and impacts from exotic species introduced from ballast water discharged by ships, I am strongly opposed to moving forward with the SDIP planning process or discussions on increasing flow rates. Many fishing groups support a moratorium on any additional export of Delta water until the problem with the Delta's food web is fixed and our anadromous fishery resources are maintained at sustainable population levels. These groups take this position after more than twenty years of governmental promises that our Central Valley fisheries and the estuary they depend on would be restored.

Given the obvious concern for our state's natural resources, I am hopeful that you will support the position of stopping the SDIP from moving forward, especially since there is not an immediate need for the State Water Project to build additional export capability at this time.

One of the greatest estuaries in the world is in real danger. I urge you to help save it!

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Eighty-five percent of the water pumped from the Delta goes to farming. The Delta ecosystems are crashing and fish are disappearing yet the farmers continue to get water at | **KF-1**
insanely cheap prices. It's time the farmers start using water saving irrigation methods,
pay the going rate or switch to crops that need less water. Something has to give before
the Delta ecosystem is destroyed beyond repair. A billion dollar Northern California
sportfishing industry is threatened and the local economies are at stake. Kill the fish
and we won't need boats, gas, mechanics, marinas, sandwiches, sodas, ice, fishing tackle
etc. Pumping the water is not only killing the Delta but hurting small businesses.

Name: Ken Fujii
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Phone: (925) 228-3674
Organization: Coastside Fishing Club
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City/State/Zip: Martinez, CA 94553

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My host address: 24.23.158.118

Responses to Comments

4-KF-1

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

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5-AA

From: wanderbug@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2006 10:22 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: Web Comment

Please stop the plans of the Dept of Water Resources to implement the South Delta Improvement Project and the export of any additional water out of the Delta until our estuary and our fisheries are restored. Too much water is diverted from the Delta now! The Delta is dying and allowing more fresh water to flow through to the sea will very likely stem the crashing ecosystem. It's time to make the politically powerful agricultural industry step up. Farmers use most of the water flowing south. They need to start using irrigation methods that conserve water or pay the going rate for water. If major changes aren't in place soon, the Delta and local sports fishing economies will be irreparably damaged

AA-1

AA-2

Name: Abraham Ayala
E-mail: wanderbug@sbcglobal.net
Phone:
Organization:
Street Address:
City/State/Zip:

Page I was visiting: http://us.f806.mail.yahoo.com/ym/ShowLetter?MsgId=720_11431255_812_3748_5675_0_2669_16377_1111719878&Idx=8&YY=754&inc=25&order=down&sort=date&pos=0&view=a&head=b&box=Inbox

My host address: 69.225.34.5

Responses to Comments

5-AA-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

5-AA-2

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

Modified Form Letters 7

7-KLA

From: kanderson@muhsd.k12.ca.us
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 3:51 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

We need to start taking care of Earth instead of misusing it.

KLA-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

K.L. Andersonnoecker
883 Valparaiso Ct
Merced, California 95348

7-BB

From: Roy_Busch@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 7:49 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

We must do all we can to preserve our environment! Please do not underestimate the significance of the web of life.

BB-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bob Busch
800 Diamond Dr.
Arcata, California 95521

7-AC

From: positivelyann@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 1:04 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

As a resident of the greater Bay Area, I am very concerned about our environment and the damages we inflict upon the very resources we depend upon to live. Water is a most precious resource and we are pumping far too much of it without considering the environmental impacts. I am strongly against increased pumping.

AC-1

I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

AC-2

In addition, I believe a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes ALL reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ann Carranza
1330 Tulip Court
Healdsburg, California 95448

7-SD

From: shannondillon@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 8:20 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Please do not continue with your plan to pump fresh water from the San Francisco Bay Delta. Please reconsider the environmental impact of this plan and protect the Bay Delta Estuary. **SD-1**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shannon L. Dillon
401 cornell Avenue
#6
Albany, California 94706-1248

7-WD

From: wdrake@cyberlynk.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:31 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Have we learned nothing from the Katrina situation, where the destruction of an ecosystem contributed to the devastation of the New Orleans and Mississippi River delta area.

WD-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William Drake
1036 Overland Place
Vacaville, California 95687

7-PE

From: pegentz@inreach.com
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 12:16 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that a plan is being considered to pump more water out of the San Francisco Bay at a time when fish populations are plummeting and there are other methods available to get the water California needs. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved. PE-1

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. I live in the San Joaquin Valley foothills and know that farmers can be encouraged use more careful irrigation and farming practices to conserve water and to make reclamation of water less costly. Let's not add to California's ecological problems.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peggy Entz
40974 Cherokee Oaks Dr.
Three Rivers, California 93271

7-LF

From: lfleming@cal.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 5:31 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

This is to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

The San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction. I understand that a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. Even though the exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, it seems clear that Delta pumping is a major contributor to the problems. Please withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

Also, please draft a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. Reducing the loss of fresh water would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

We do not need to pump out additional water. The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lis Fleming
1107 Halifax Ave
Davis, California 95616

LF-1

7-CF1

From: claireflewitt@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 7:04 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

I live about 1 mile inland from the San Francisco Bay. I sail on the Bay, I birdwatch on the Bay, I walk & bike ride along the shoreline. I am concerned about the health of the Bay as I have noticed that several species of birds are feeding in areas inland where they have never been seen before. This tells me that their food sources in the Bay are in trouble.

CF1-1

At a time when the Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Claire Flewitt
975 Soto Drive
San Lorenzo, California 94580

7-CF2

From: christopherflynn@earthlink.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 4:57 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Who gives a rat's ass about the environment? YOU SHOULD!!!!!!!!!!!!

CF2-1

Sincerely,

Christopher Flynn
130 Colonade Square
San Jose, California 95127

7-CH

From: challmark@ndnu.edu
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 3:28 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

It's critical that we maintain a healthy Bay-Delta environment to ensure the stability of our tourism and agriculture economies. Let's explore our alternatives!

CH-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Candace Hallmark
510 Hiller St
Belmont, California 94002

7-KW

From: kwong@calacademy.org
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:51 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

Sending this water south is tantamount to destroying the Bay-Delta food web. Delta smelt populations have plummeted. Myriad other delta fish species are on the decline. To reduce available freshwater in the Delta degrades this estuarine habitat. This means that hungry migratory birds and juvenile fish will be left without food in a critical point in their life cycles.

KW-1

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wong
875 Howard St.
San Francisco, California 94610

7-RW

From: r.wilson@intest.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 9:05 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Please keep in mind that the world is already in shambles from humanity and now is the time to fix this problem not make it worse.

RW-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Roberta Wilson
1255 Saratoga Ave. #103B
San Jose, California 95129

7-WT

From: riverdancefarms@fire2wire.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 8:15 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

As a farmer and ag. consultant in the Central Valley, I really feel that farmers can continue to make more efficient use of water on their farms, and that any new residential or commercial developments should only be allowed with strict landscaping codes for minimum water use.

WT-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William Thompson
12230 Livingston-Cressey Road
Livingston, California 95334

7-MS1

From: tomulti@mindspring.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 10:27 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

My concern is that research shows the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem to be collapsing. Certain fish populations are in danger of extinction. Nevertheless, a plan is under considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted OUT of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft of this potentially dangerous plan until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved. MS1-1

A revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan indicates that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. These investments will pay for themselves as our valuable Bay-Delta estuary is restored to full function. MS1-2

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martha Stookey
361 Laidley Street
San Francisco, California 94131

7-GS2

From: bwfolks@pobox.com
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2006 11:00 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Leadership is needed to promote and implement conservation and recalcation. The sooner this is accomplished the better off we will all be.

GS2-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gayle Spencer
2603 Alpine Road
Menlo Park, California 94025

7-KS

From: katesibley@earthlink.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:26 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

At a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Please act prudently and set our residents on a rational course of conservation and reclamation, rather than further depleting our fresh water unnecessarily.

KS-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Sibley
166 Murdock St
Richmond, California 9804-1932

7-BR

From: tezor@saber.net
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2006 9:27 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

For the record, I believe that it would be a mistake to draw more water from the S F Bay & Delta. I believe that water conservation should be implemented and enforced before more consumption is encouraged.

BR-1

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

B Rozett
PO Box 646
Graton, California 95444-0646

7-LR

From: linda.riebel@earthlink.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:26 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits.

SIMPLY TEACH PEOPLE TO WASTE LESS WATER!!!

LR-1

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Riebel
6623 Bret Harte
San Jose, California 95120

7-OH

From: ohudson@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 5:26 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

This is a public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the so-called South Delta "Improvement" Program (SDIP).

At a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing, and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, you are considering a plan to significantly increase the amount of fresh water that is diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. Please withdraw the draft and suspend planning until the causes of the declines are identified and resolved.

OH-1

Further, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. We owe it to ourselves and to future generations, as well as to other species, to make such investments in order to maintain the habitability of our planet.

OH-2

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ocie Hudson
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Oakland, California 94602

7-AHF

From: write1right@bigvalley.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 4:03 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

We all must work to save our water supply and water quality, and thus save our environment. The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. | **AHF-1**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Audrey A. Holmes Fatooh
801 Lyons Bald Mtn. Rd., #121
Sonora, California 95370-5871

7-RH

From: 2athena@msn.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:29 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

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In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Given the lack of leadership at the federal level, it is more important than ever that we act to protect our local resources.

RH-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hollingsworth
522 El Dorado Court
Santa Rosa, California 95404

7-RDH

From: hartbeat@cruzio.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 4:51 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

We are concerned that a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction. We urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

A revised Environmental Impact Report that includes all reasonable alternatives should be drafted. We could reduce Delta pumping from current levels, for example, which would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

We must make investments in urban & agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

RDH-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rich & DeAnne Hart
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Watsonville, California 95076

7-JK

From: JAMESKOSS@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 5:02 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Having had multiple opportunities to study the Mississippi Delta damage prior to the recent tragedy I notice no willingness to protect, but only to exploit such resources.

JK-1

Like the Mississippi this California river system too is liable to salinization and a change in productivity.

I implore you to avoid such actions as will damage this fragile system.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

James Koss
PO Box 70918
Richmond, California 94807-0918

7-DK

From: daniel@nowwatchthis.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 9:56 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

A vibrant, healthy bay and wetlands contributes greatly to our quality of life here in northern California. | DK-1

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kendrick
4274 Fairlands Dr
Pleasanton, California 94588-3426

7-PJ1

From: podaci@sasquatch.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 7:28 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

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I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

It would behoove you to voluntarily explain to the public, through the press, why you are undertaking this affair. Please also voluntarily divulge who, most of all, benefits from this action? Your electorate deserves nothing less.

PJ1-
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Sincerely,

pete jussel
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santa cruz, California 950605342

7-PR3

From: skazz999W@hotmail.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:42 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

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I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

The more fresh water that is pumped out of the Delta, the more salt water intrudes. | PR3-1

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Philip Ratcliff
15 Foster Ct.
Cloverdale, California 95425

7-ML2

From: michael_s_lu@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 4:51 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

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I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Bottom line: Human population in the state will ever increase, even beyond what the state's natural resource can afford and at the price of loss of wild lives and environmental preservation, as long as the state keeps providing more water. IT IS TIME TO CONTROL HUMAN POPULATION GROWTH RATHER THEN KEEP DIVERTING WATER FROM THE DELTA.

ML2-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Lu
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Saratoga, California 95070

7-SL1

From: gooooobruins@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 10:51 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

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I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

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The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

California should be a leader in conservation of one of our state's and nation's great resources. Thank you.

SL1-1

Sincerely,

Shelly Leung
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San Francisco, California 94110

7-DSL

From: d_linkeg@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 5:48 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

My wife and I live in the Sacramento area. Our rivers feed the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem and we are worried. Recent reports prove that too little has been done to guarantee the quality of water in our river system. Too little has also been done to guarantee that an adequate flow reaches the Delta to support fish populations and protect our fresh water system from salt water intrusion.

DSL-1

We are concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. We urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David and Susan Link
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Elk Grove, California 95624-1865

7-JM

From: joshmac2@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 3:59 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Perhaps rather than sacrificing the health of the state of California, it would be wise to revisit rights to water use in California. The times have changed since water was prevalent, and thus water users in California should not be able to hold time still simply because it makes water more expensive. If water were more expensive, it is likely that those who use water would use it more sparingly, and find ways to conserve water. This is the type of water policy needed in California and throughout the southwest.

JM-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joshua McCabe
3080 Woods Circle
Davis, California 95616

7-BM1

From: martin02bz2b@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 5:37 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

While I have recently relocated from the Bay Area to Nevada, I still have strong ties to the region. I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. Wouldn't this exacerbate the mercury level in Bay fish? The urban poor rely on Bay fish for a significant portion of their families' protein intake. They are already at risk from high mercury levels in Bay fish. BM1-1

The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Martin
P. O. Box 12922
Reno, Nevada 89510

7-KM1

From: kathleenmeans@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:53 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Also, much of the water use in California is to support crops in southern counties which are naturally desert. We are supporting a fake ecosystem with highly subsidized crops such as cotton and citrus.

KM1-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

kathleen means
1046 10th ave
redwood city, California 94063

7-KM2

From: merg@ucsc.edu
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2006 9:21 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

While demand of water in California is increasing, the means of meeting that demand in this state has had wrought a staggering amount of environmental damage while unfairly concentrating the benefits of such development and delivering it to a designated few. Given such a history, it is critical that we hold ourselves to a higher standard when we consider the environmental impact of all future water development projects in this state.

KM2-1

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored.

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kurt Merg
HC 67 Box 1679
Big Creek Reserve
Big Sur, California 93920

7-PM1

From: pmichelett@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 8:37 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Large improvements in conservation and market pricing of water to farmers and municipalities could lead to the actions necessary to ensure California's future water supplies.

PM1-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Micheletti
22510 Murietta Rd
Salinas, California 93908-9695

7-BM2

From: brian_milton01@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 4:02 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am an environmental engineer who specializes in water quality issues and I live in Suisun City on the edge of the California Delta. I am extremely concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations (e.g. delta smelt and sturgeon) are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping has been identified as one of the primary culprits in the decline of the smelt population. Because of this, I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

BM2-1

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored to healthy levels and create a larger brackish water zone so vital to maintaining a healthy delta.

BM2-2

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. Besides, if we don't stop this now, it may be too late the next time. Lets learn from past mistakes, not repeat them.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Milton, P.E.
823 Driftwood Drive
Suisun City, California 94585

7-JJ

From: jajordan@ix.netcom.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 9:57 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Please accept these comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

The San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing. Some fish populations are in danger of extinction. The plan to export 28% more fresh water out of the Bay likely would exacerbate a bad situation. While the causes for the fish declines are not completely understood and are still being investigated, the indicators are that pumping fresh water out of the Delta is a major factor. Please withdraw the draft EIR/S until you can articulate the causes of the decline and have provided for their resolution.

JJ-1

When you reissue a revised draft EIR/S, it must include all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. I believe that such a reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored, while more pumping will futher the ecosystem's collapse.

JJ-2

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan
P.O. Box 1063
Gualala, California 95445

7-CW

From: ednaturally@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 5:56 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

My husband and I are long-time residents of the Bay Area, and have over the years watched, with concern, the declining health of the Bay-Delta system. We are concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. We urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved. CW-1

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cam Wolff
9880 Brunswick Way
San Ramon, California 94583

7-PL

From: ploeff@ispwest.com
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 1:25 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that in our State, which is already suffering dire consequences of human over-population, now that the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. I understand that the exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are properly identified and resolved. **PL-1**

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would hopefully allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

Apparently the California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the State can still meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Loeff
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Mountain View, California 94039

7-KG

From: guma@sonoma.lib.ca.us
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 3:31 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

We must give people some incentive to conserve water rather than making cheap water available at the expense of our irreplaceable Bay and Delta. | KG-1

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen Guma
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Valley Ford, California 94972

7-JPM

From: jpmaddox@mlode.com
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 6:47 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am a retired Wildlife Biologist and life-long resident of California. In my 67 years I have witnessed serious declines in both the quantity and quality of this state's wildlife and fisheries habitat .

I am concerned that, at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta.

The causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is known to be a primary culprit.

I urge you to withdraw your draft proposal until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved. I find it remarkable that any plans for pumping of additional Bay-Delta water would even be considered until all current and pertinent studies regarding Bay-Delta habitat decline have been completed and thoroughly evaluated. **JPM-1**

Additionally, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that incorporates all reasonable alternatives, including an alternative that significantly would affect a reduction in Bay-Delta pumping from current levels. Such a reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. I believe restoration of the Bay-Delta to its highly productive former condition should be California's primary goal. **JPM-2**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

James P. Maddox
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7-LS

From: rstaaf@silcon.com
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 1:18 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street ? 2nd Floor
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Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS A TENDENCY TO IGNORE ENVIRONMENTAL WARNINGS UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE. IT'S ALMOST TOO LATE NOW, SO PLEASE ACT RESPONSIBLY.

LS-1

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-MS2

From: marysweeters@yahoo.com
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Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

As a native to the Bay Area with family still living there, I have strong ties to its varied and beautiful environment, which is a great source of pride and interest for locals and visitors alike. I therefore take note when an aspect of its environment is threatened. I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

MS2-1

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-AT

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I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. We encourage the State, cities and private individuals to invest in water conservation measures in order to preserve our vital eco-system. | AT-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-LT1

From: triona@cmu.edu
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Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

I would like to take the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

I am concerned that the plan will increase the amount of fresh water pumped out of San Francisco Bay-Delta when its ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction. While I understand that the exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary suspects. I urge you to reconsider the plan and withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be written that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation. We will need to do this in the long run so we should start sooner rather than later -- we will never have enough water if demand is allowed to continue to expand.

LT1-1

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-LN

From: lwnorby@earthlink.net
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Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

Although the following is not my composition, I fully understand that the fragility of the ecosystem is real and its protection is vital. The pressure to destabilize this ecosystem by commercial interests is constant and I wish to add my voice to those who are committed to preserve/ restore the health of the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta. To not do so is profoundly risky in the long run.

LN-1

I am concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-JW

From: Jessica_Warner@CAMH.net
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Dear Paul Marshall, California Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Study for the South Delta Improvement Program (SDIP).

THE BAY HAS CEASED TO BE A VIABLE SHIPPING LANE. GIVEN THE SIZE OF TODAY'S CARGO SHIPS, THAT IS NOT ABOUT TO CHANGE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE IS NO POINT (AND A GREAT DEAL OF WASTE) IN DREDGING THE BAY. JW-1

I am also concerned that at a time when the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem is collapsing and some fish populations are in danger of extinction, a plan is being considered that would significantly increase the amount of fresh water diverted out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The exact causes for the fish declines are still being investigated, but Delta pumping is one of the primary culprits. I urge you to withdraw the draft until the causes of the decline are identified and resolved.

In addition, a revised Environmental Impact Report/Study should be drafted that includes all reasonable alternatives, such as a significant reduction in Delta pumping from current levels. A reduction would allow the Bay-Delta ecosystem to be restored

The California State Water Plan has clearly shown that the state can meet current and future water demand without increasing pumping if investments are made in urban and agricultural water conservation and reclamation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Responses to Comments

7-SD-1, and 7-LS-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

7-KLA-1, 7-CF2-1, 7-CH-1, 7-RW-1, 7-AC-1, 7-KM2-1, and 7-LN-1

The SDIP is intended to balance the needs of the environment with the needs of the water users south of the Delta. Impacts identified as potentially significant will be mitigated to a less than significant level to ensure minimal effects on the environment.

7-AC-2, 7-PE-1, 7-MS1-1, and 7-OH-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline* and Master Response K, *Staged Decision Making Process*.

7-WD-1, 7-CF1-1, 7-KW-1, 7-RH-1, 7-JK-1, 7-DK-1, 7-CW-1, and 7-MS2-1

The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including wildlife, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant.

7-LF-1, 7-WT-1, 7-MS1-2, 7-GS2-1, 7-KS-1, 7-BR-1, 7-LR-1, 7-OH-2, 7-RDH-1, 7-SL1-1, 7-JM-1, 7-PM1-1, 7-KG-1, 7-AT-1, and 7-LT1-1

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

7-AHF-1

DWR and Reclamation have included several agencies as well as the public in the development of SDIP and alternatives that are intended to improve the environment, water quality, and water delivery.

7-PJ1-1

DWR Reclamation held several public meetings before and after the release of the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR. Additionally, the DWR SDIP website contains information about the project, including a description of the project purpose.

7-PR3-1

The SDIP does not change the zone in which salt water encroaches on the Delta.

7-ML2-1

Reclamation and DWR note your comments regarding controlling population growth.

7-DSL-1

The SDIP is intended to improve water quality in the south Delta and it does not change the Delta outflow during periods when it is lowest (September–October). Additionally, the SDIP does not change the zone in which salt water encroaches on the Delta. The effects of the SDIP on biological resources, including wildlife, are fully described in the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 6, which includes impact assessment for fish, vegetation and wetlands, and wildlife. Where a significant effect is found to result from implementation of the SDIP, DWR and Reclamation will implement mitigation measure(s) to ensure that the overall impact is less than significant.

7-BM1-1

The SDIP does not result in changes in mercury available for fish intake and would therefore not result in any increased risk to urban poor who rely on the fish.

7-KM1-1

The actions included in SDIP do not include decisions on how water south of the Delta is used.

7-BM2-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

7-BM2-2

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

7-JJ-1

The actual increase in diversions that is expected to occur is 3–5% depending on the operational scenario. (See Section 5.1, Water Supply.) Regarding the effects that this incremental increase in diversions may cause, see Master Response-Relationship of SDIP to the POD.

7-JJ-2

Please see Master Response D, *Developing and Screening Alternatives Considered in the Draft EIS/EIR*.

7-PL-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

7-JPM-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline* and Master Response K, *Staged Decision Making Process*

7-JPM-2

The SDIP is intended to balance the needs of the environment with the needs of the water users south of the Delta. Impacts identified as potentially significant will be mitigated to a less than significant level to ensure minimal effects on the environment.

7-PMV-1 and 7-PJ2-1

The SDIP is intended to improve water quality in the south Delta and it does not change the Delta outflow during periods when it is lowest (September–October). Additionally, the SDIP does not change the zone in which salt water encroaches on the Delta.

7-JW-1

Dredging proposed for the SDIP is intended to address three separate issues: gate construction, agricultural diversions, and conveyance for water and fish. The reason for this dredging and a description of how it will be implemented is provided in Chapter 2 of the SDIP Draft EIS/EIR.

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8-JP

From: reba@citlink.net
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Subject: Web Comment

The Delta food chain is severely broken, and increasing water exports should not occur until the habitat's conditions are better understood, and the fish counts have returned to sufficient levels. Delta populations of important plankton and shrimp that help fuel the food web and drive the system's ecology have disappeared, as have many other important species including Delta smelt, longfin smelt, threadfin shad, and young-of-the-year striped bass. Recently the Dept of Fish and Game has sounded the alarm over a dramatic drop in the sturgeon population. Several factors may possibly be at play here, but everyone agrees and understands that increased water export rates at this time will cause additional and possibly irreversible damage to this great Estuary. Even the DWR's own recently released Bulletin 160 clearly demonstrates that the state's water needs will be met for at least the next decade with the existing water infrastructure. There is no water crisis to justify the destruction of the Delta. The health of our Delta and fisheries is truly at stake here, and we should not increase water exports and risk irreversible damage to an already broken habitat. | JP-1
| JP-2

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Responses to Comments

8-JP-1

Please see Master Response B, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the Pelagic Organism Decline*.

8-JP-2

Please see Master Response L, *Relationship between the South Delta Improvements Program and the California Water Plan Update 2005*.

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11-SDM

To: Paul Marshall.

Stockton Meeting questions

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Please put me on your list and send me the answers to my questions.

- 1 What is the Master Plan for the Delta estuary? You have a multi year plan to put more than 4 dams on the Delta and we need all the details.
- 2 CalFed had a multi year plan are you following that plan, describe it.
- 3 We are agents the SDIP and disagree with the increase water flow South !!! What guarantee do the people have that you only plan to take 5,000,000 gal/day out of the Delta?
- 4 You are pulling salt water into the Delta now how will you control the salt intrusion when you are pumping the additional 5,000,000 gallons?
- 5 During the summer months when the water levels are low, how will you guarantee us you will keep the same Flows, Water levels, water quality, when you are pulling an additional 5,000,000 gal of water from the Delta.
- 6 We are very concerned about the effect this project will have on the our fishery. Do you have any study data on the effects on the Black Bass, Striped Bass?
- 7 The micro organisms in the water that feed our fish are dieing. What is causing this and how will your project improve this.
- 8 The fisherman have access to the South Delta area now. What guarantee will you provide that will insure a lifetime access to the Dams area.
- 9 We the people of Northern California request more time to study all the effects the SDIP will have on the Delta. We request a 3 month extension for the public comments. We request and extension to May 31,2006
- 10 Provide a list of benefits your project will have on the Delta, water quality, water levels Summer & Winter, Flood control, Levy stability, Micro organism's food source and Fishery improvements.

we voted to close the SAN LOUISE DAM: IT PASSED
to close it..... How could it be allowed to be open and
A different NAME & route our drinking water?

11-SDM-1

Responses to Comments

11-SDM-1

Opening the San Luis Drain is not an element of the SDIP.