

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

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 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.

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,

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

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. 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

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California Department of Water Resources
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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
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2006 4:25 PM
To: Marshall, Paul
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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California Department of Water Resources
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Also, stop the building in the Delta.

JP-1

Sincerely,

JoAnn Perryman
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Daly City, California 94015

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

MARY MARKUS
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January 12, 2006

Paul Marshall
Department of Water Resources
1416 Ninth Street
2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Marshall:

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

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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Moss Beach, CA 94038-9776

January 13, 2006

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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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 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

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

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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
2nd Floor
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

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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
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:

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
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Concord, CA 94518-1136

January 23, 2006

Paul Marshall
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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:

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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San Carlos, CA 94070-1808

January 25, 2006

Paul Marshall
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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 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
1416 Ninth Street
2nd Floor
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

Marisa Bautista
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Sacramento, CA 95821-6748

January 12, 2006

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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:

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,

Marisa L. Bautista
(916) 483-1304

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

Juan Byron
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January 13, 2006

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Dear Mr. Marshall:

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California Department of Water Resources
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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

Barbara Goodell
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Boonville, CA 95415-9101

January 17, 2006

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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
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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
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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

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California Department of Water Resources
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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
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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

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California Department of Water Resources
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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,

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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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

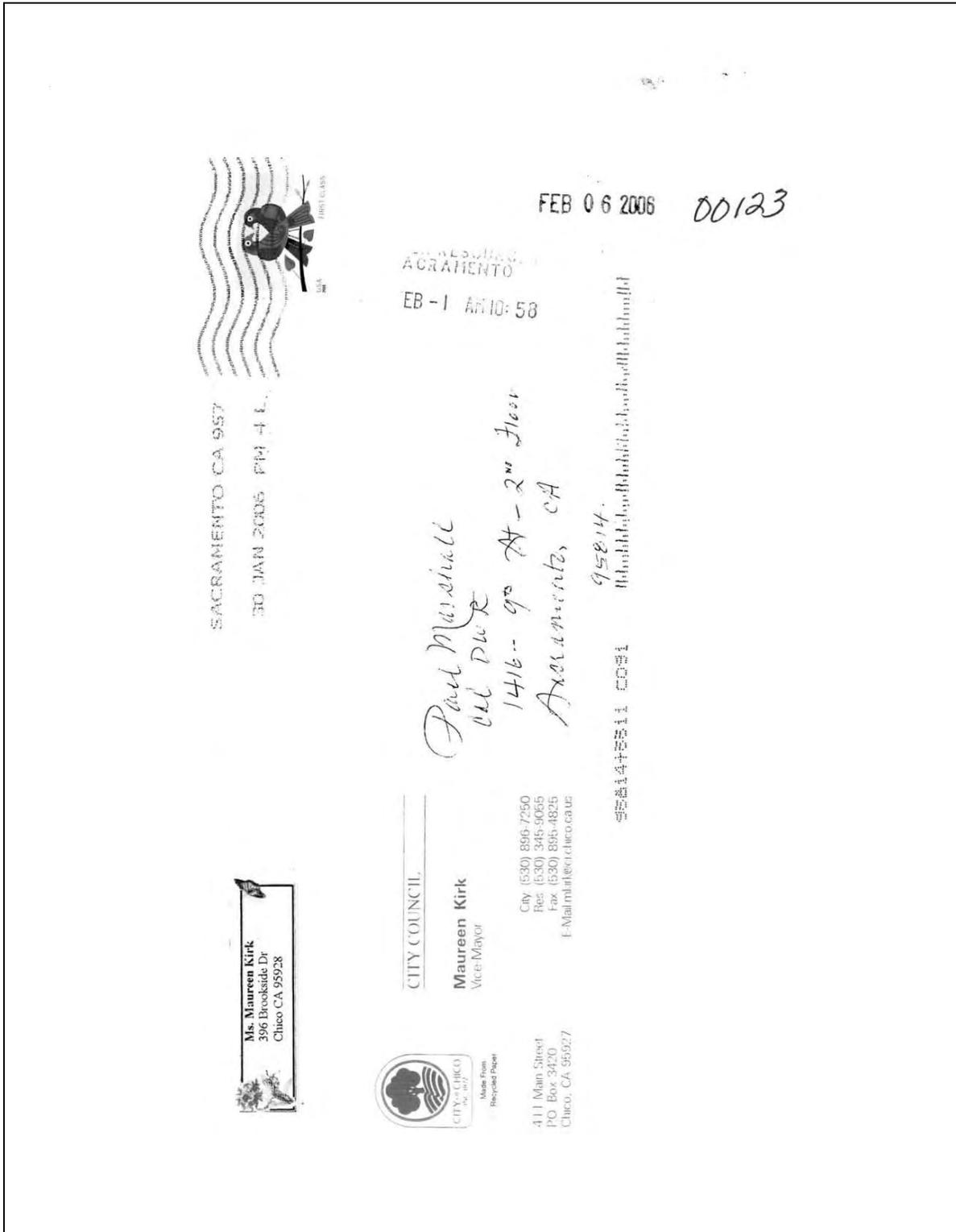
In addition, it makes no sense to move forward with a project that will divert more fresh water from the Delta when Delta fish populations are crashing. The proposal and its likely impacts on the Delta and the Sacramento Valley is particularly troubling given that California does not need to increase 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

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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

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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.