

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,

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

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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,

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7-SL1

From: g00000bruins@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 10:51 AM
To: sdip_comments
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California should be a leader in conservation of one of our state's and nation's great resources. Thank you.

SL1-1

Sincerely,

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7-DSL

From: d_linkeg@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 5:48 PM
To: sdip_comments
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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).

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.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-JM

From: joshmac2@hotmail.com
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To: sdip_comments
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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,

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7-BM1

From: martin02bz2b@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 5:37 PM
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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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Martin
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Reno, Nevada 89510

7-KM1

From: kathleenmeans@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:53 PM
To: sdip_comments
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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,

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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.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Big Sur, California 93920

7-PM1

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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,

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7-BM2

From: brian_milton01@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 4:02 PM
To: sdip_comments
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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 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,

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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

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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,

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7-CW

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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).

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
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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

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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,

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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

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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.

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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
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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 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,

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7-LS

From: rstaaf@silcon.com
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To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-MS2

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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).

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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-AT

From: arlene@mcn.org
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 2:38 PM
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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. 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
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 4:16 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 4:04 PM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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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).

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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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7-JW

From: Jessica_Warner@CAMH.net
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 7:05 AM
To: sdip_comments
Subject: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

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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).

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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Warner
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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
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2006 5:50 PM
To: sdip_comments
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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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

CC: Lester Snow DWR CC: Roger di Fate DBAC
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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.