

Comment Letter UWCD1

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<p>UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT "Conserving Water Since 1927"</p>		
<p>December 14, 2005</p>		
<p>Mr. Lester Snow Director Department of Water Resources P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001</p>		
<p>RE: South Delta Improvements Program: Support</p>		
<p>Dear Director Snow,</p>		
<p>On behalf of United Water Conservation District (UWCD), I am writing today to express our organization's support for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) South Delta Improvements Program (SDIP), a critical water supply, water quality and environmental project designed to meet California's diverse water needs. This October, DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released a draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/S) for SDIP, kicking off an important public review and comment process.</p>		
<p>United's facilities include Santa Felicia Dam, Lake Piru Recreation Area, Saticoy, El Rio and Piru Spreading Grounds, Freeman Diversion, Pleasant Valley, Oxnard-Hueneme and Pumping Trough delivery systems including wells, reservoirs and booster pumping stations.</p>	<p>UWCD1-1</p>	
<p>United is both the sole recharger and the largest extractor of Oxnard Plain groundwater. United provides wholesale water to the City of Oxnard, Port Hueneme Water Agency, Pleasant Valley County Water District, agricultural users on the Pumping Trough Pipeline, approximately 12 mutual water companies, and numerous other retail customers. A seven-member elected board of directors directs the district's policy and activities.</p>		
<p>As you know, California is facing a critical challenge. We need a safe, reliable and high quality water supply to keep up with our rapidly rising population and fast-growing trillion-dollar economy. However, we have limited water supplies in our arid state, so we must better utilize our existing water resources and infrastructure; otherwise, we put our communities, farms, environment and businesses at great risk. Two-thirds of California receives its water from the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Given its</p>		
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Given all these points, SDIP is supported by a statewide, broad coalition of water, agriculture, business, planning organizations, and local government officials including the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), State Water Contractors, California Chamber of Commerce, California Business Properties Association and the Western Growers Association.

Water is the lifeblood of California – critical to our families, farms, and businesses. It is our responsibility to use this precious resource wisely through all possible best management practices, including water conservation, recycling and storage, to ensure

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California's water future. It is imperative that we have a more flexible water delivery system so that we can continue to accommodate growth in our population and economy while relying on existing water supplies.

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Again, we strongly support SDIP and encourage all key stakeholders to help advance this critically needed project.

Sincerely,

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Sheldon G. Berger
President, Board of Directors

cc: BDRF

(*by facsimile*): ACWA

CSDA

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<p>UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT "Conserving Water Since 1927"</p>		
<p>January 9, 2006</p>		
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<p>United Water Conservation District is a public water agency responsible for conserving and protecting groundwater resources in Ventura County. In addition to the district's Lake Piru Recreation Area, United Water's facilities include: Santa Felicia Dam; spreading grounds in Saticoy, El Rio and Piru; an agricultural water delivery system; a wholesale municipal water delivery system; and the Freeman Diversion facility. The district provides wholesale water to the City of Oxnard, the Port Hueneme Water Agency (which includes the CBC and Point Mugu naval bases), Pleasant Valley County Water District, and several small mutual water companies. A seven-member elected board of directors directs the district's policy and activities.</p>		
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Comment Letter VWD

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VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT <small>A PUBLIC AGENCY</small>	
201 Vallecitos de Oro • San Marcos, California • 92069-1453 Telephone (760)744-0460	
December 7, 2005	
Mr. Lester Snow Director Department of Water Resources P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001	
RE: South Delta Improvements Program	
Dear Director Snow,	
<p>On behalf of Vallecitos Water District, I am writing today to express our organization's support for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) South Delta Improvements Program (SDIP), a critical water supply, water quality and environmental project designed to meet California's diverse water needs. This October, DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released a draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/S) for SDIP, kicking off an important public review and comment process.</p>	
<p>The mission of Vallecitos Water District is to provide planned, effective, equitable, and fiscally sound water and sewer service to all of its customers. Recognizing that resources are limited and valuable, the mission is also to preserve and protect these resources, promoting their conservation and re-use while maintaining a high level of community awareness.</p>	
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



William W. Rucker
General Manager

cc: Hon. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Mr. Mike Chrisman, Secretary, California Resources Agency
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Comment Letter WAKC

<p>801 South Mt. Vernon Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93307 Phone: (661) 397-7426</p>	 <p>WATER ASSOCIATION OF KERN COUNTY</p>	<p>WAKC DEC 22 2005 00017 Fax: (661) 397-3403 Email: wakc@wakc.com www.wakc.com</p>
<p>December 8, 2005</p>		
<p>Mr. Lester Snow Director Department of Water Resources P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001</p>		
<p>RE: South Delta Improvements Program</p>		
<p>Dear Director Snow,</p>		
<p>On behalf of the Water Association of Kern County, I am writing today to express our organization's support for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) South Delta Improvements Program (SDIP), a critical water supply, water quality and environmental project designed to meet California's diverse water needs. This October, DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released a draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/S) for SDIP, kicking off an important public review and comment process.</p>		
<p>The Water Association of Kern County was organized in 1955 to keep the public well informed on activities in the field of water problems and on the continuing need for water as the basis of full development of Kern County and California. Since that time, the Association has carried forward a continuing program of public education-playing a major role in maintaining and expanding public awareness of water problems and the solutions proposed to solve them.</p>		
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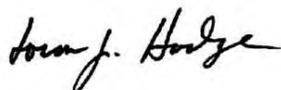
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



Loron J. Hodge
Manager

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Comment Letter WWVD

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December 6, 2005

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Mr. Lester Snow, Director
Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

RE: South Delta Improvements Program

Dear Director Snow:

On behalf of the Walnut Valley Water District, I am writing today to express the District's support for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) South Delta improvements Program (SDIP), a critical water supply, water quality and environmental project designed to meet California's diverse water needs. This October, DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released a draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/S) for SDIP, kicking off an important public review and comment process. Implementation of the SDIP will greatly enhance the District's efforts to fulfill its mission to "supply the highest quality of water at the lowest possible price."

As you know, California is facing a critical challenge: A safe, reliable, and high quality water supply is needed to keep up with the rapidly rising population and fast-growing trillion-dollar economy. However, this arid state has limited water supplies, therefore, existing water resources and infrastructure must be better utilized. Otherwise, the state's communities, farms, environment, and businesses are at great risk. Two-thirds of California receives its water from the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Given its importance; better methods to manage the Delta's water delivery system, as well as the water itself, are needed. In essence, every drop must count!

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January 18, 2006

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South Delta Improvements Program

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West Basin is a public agency that has been dedicated to providing a safe and adequate supplemental supply of high-quality water to its member agencies, communities, businesses and residents since 1947. West Basin has worked diligently to drought-proof the region by providing alternative water supplies to meet the needs of municipal, commercial, and industrial users to help conserve the potable water supply.

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Sincerely,

William A. Baker

William A. Baker, President
West Basin Municipal Water District

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Mr. Lester Snow
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: South Delta Improvements Program

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Since our inception in 1952, Westlands Water District has been striving to provide reliable and affordable water supply to its landowners and water users of which there are more than 600 family farmers and more than 600,000 acres farmed in western Fresno and Kings County. It is of critical importance to Westlands Water District that the best management practices are utilized in the water delivery systems throughout our state.

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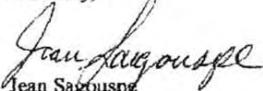
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Thank you.

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RE: South Delta Improvements Program

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Dear Director Snow,

On behalf of Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, I am writing today to express our organization's support for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) South Delta Improvements Program (SDIP), a critical water supply, water quality and environmental project designed to meet California's diverse water needs. This October, DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released a draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/S) for SDIP, kicking off an important public review and comment process.

The Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District provides agricultural water service to over 72,000 acres of farmland and through its conjunctive use program manages the water supply for an area over twice that size. The District relies on water from the State Water Project as its principle source of water supply to meet that need. Recent conversions of farmland from row crop to high value permanent crops make increasing the reliability of the State Water Project water supply a high priority for us.

As you know, California is facing a critical challenge: We need a safe, reliable and high quality water supply to keep up with our rapidly rising population and fast-growing trillion-dollar economy. However, we have limited water supplies in our arid state, so we must better utilize our existing water resources and infrastructure; otherwise, we put our communities, farms, environment and businesses at great risk. Two-thirds of California receives its water from the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Given its importance, we need better ways to manage the Delta's water delivery system, as well as the water itself. In essence, we need to make every drop count.

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December 16, 2005

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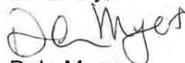
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