



October 7, 2002

Mr. Dan Meier  
Bureau of Reclamation  
2800 Cottage Way, MP – 700  
Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: EIS/EIR – South Delta Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Meier:

A Federally mandated TMDL (total maximum daily load) for oxygen depleting substances for correction of low dissolved oxygen in the Stockton Ship Channel (on the San Joaquin River) is being prepared at this time. Among the solutions to the low dissolved oxygen problem is maintenance of minimum flows through the ship channel. As vice chairman of the steering committee for the stakeholders along the San Joaquin River, I am here today to comment on the proposed project EIS/EIR scope.

Reduction in flows through the channel will result in lower dissolved oxygen in the channel. Therefore, we request that the EIS/EIR process include any impact that the South Delta Improvement Project will have on reducing flows through the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel.

Thank you,

Dan Hinrichs  
Vice Chairman  
Steering Committee  
Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel  
Dissolved Oxygen TMDL

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