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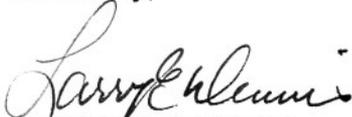
Mr. Paul Marshall  
Dept. of Water Resources  
South Delta Branch  
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Subject: South Delta "Improvement" Project

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I oppose the actions proposed in the draft EIR/EIS for SDIP. SDIP is another attempt to appropriate additional water from the already-compromised Bay-Delta Estuary. The dredging, barriers and eventual increased pumping and water exports of SDIP will only worsen the Delta Ecosystem Crash (aka Pelagic Organism Decline). Instead of the measures you propose, measures that will benefit special interests such as Westlands Water District, I request the following: Withdraw the EIR/EIS. Reduce pumping rates and water exports to those that existed in the early 2000's when Delta Smelt appeared to be on the road to recovery, Increase ecosystem restoration measures. Improve water quality. Ensure the ecosystem of the Bay-Delta Estuary, including its fishery resources, is restored and self-sustaining before you consider appropriating more of its lifeblood (water). As California's Water Plan demonstrates, our needs will be met for several more decades through conservation, reclamation, efficiency and conjunctive use.

Sincerely,

  
LARRY E. DENNIS