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Re: South Delta Improvement Project DEIR/S

Dear Mr. Marshall:

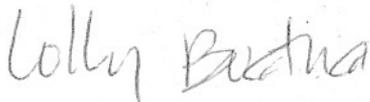
Thank you for soliciting public comments in response to the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP) DEIR/S.

Delta fish populations are crashing! Please withdraw the SDIP DEIR/S until the causes of the Delta fish decline are identified 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.

Sincerely,



Lolly Buethe