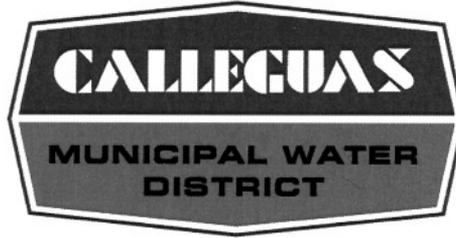


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RE: South Delta Improvements Program – EIS/EIR

Dear Director Snow:

I am writing on behalf of Calleguas Municipal Water District to register our support for the staged environmental review process that you have pursued for the South Delta Improvements Program (SDIP) EIS/EIR which allows for the advancement of the structural components of the project (Stage 1) while additional information is gathered for the operational component (Stage 2). In this way, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) can begin to resolve the environmental concerns in the Delta that threaten the operation of the State Water Project and adapt the project accordingly.

It is our hope that Stage 1 of the SDIP, through the construction of operable fish and flow gates, will measurably improve fish passage and water quality for the benefit of the fisheries and the Delta ecosystem in general. While these measures alone may not halt the recent decline of the pelagic fish species in the Delta, combined with ongoing scientific research commissioned by DWR, they may contribute to an operational solution that can be incorporated into Stage 2 of the project.

The Delta, as the hub of California's water supply, sits precariously vulnerable to dramatic geologic shifts and hydrologic changes that could have long-range impacts on the State's water resources. Because Calleguas depends on the State Water Project for 100% of its supply, our reliability depends on an assured, secure Delta delivery system. In fact, we are more concerned with the reliability of our existing deliveries than with increasing exports from the Delta. However, we do see merit in enhancing the system's operational flexibility, if it can help us to avoid species impacts that might jeopardize our supply.

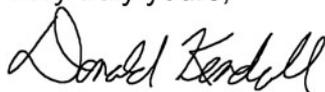
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In short, we encourage you to move forward with the Stage 1 of the SDIP and support your vigorous pursuit of a scientific resolution to the pelagic fish decline. In addition, we would urge you to watch for other environmental signals that may suggest alternative engineering and operational approaches to Delta water deliveries that may better address our needs.

Very truly yours,



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