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**Statement by Zone 7 of Alameda County Flood Control & Water
Conservation District (Zone 7 Water Agency)
on
South Delta Improvements Program
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The Zone 7 Water Agency provides wholesale water supply and local water and groundwater management to 200,000 residents in the Livermore Valley in eastern Alameda County

The Livermore Valley has been receiving deliveries from the SWP since 1962.

We depend on the SWP to provide a reliable, high quality water supply, but to do so in a responsible manner – that is, in a manner that protects and maintains the quality and habitat values of the Delta.

The South Delta Improvement Program will allow DWR to operate the SWP in such a positive manner that will protect Delta fisheries and South Delta agricultural interests.

The operable gates will allow DWR a lot more flexibility in managing the water resources of the Delta and the State. Operable gates will replace the current, inefficient practice of placing and removing the temporary barriers that are installed each year for South Delta protection.

We recognize that DWR is being very cautious in moving forward first with the gates and that the additional time and analysis on operational alternatives will allow resolution of any water quality issues that may arise.

We believe the overall benefits of the SDIP for water supply reliability, water management flexibility, South Delta water quality, and Delta fisheries warrant the implementation of the SDIP.

Zone 7 strongly supports the SDIP as part of the overall a long-term solution for a sustainable Delta.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment this evening.

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