

*Long Beach*

Members of the CALFED Scoping Committee: My name is Wayne Clark. I am here representing the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO). In my oral testimony I would like to call out some points to raise in addition to the written recommendation of principles that I have submitted on behalf of WACO.

- The only basis upon which urban voters will support costly improvements in the Delta, I believe, will be water quality - specifically drinking water quality. Any selected alternative that does not place this as the highest priority criterion will not be supported by urban users.

- System reliability should consider flooding as well as earthquake. The Delta nearly was overwhelmed in the early 80s by a combination of high flood flows from the spring melt, and a Pacific storm with high tides and strong winds. This is a more likely catastrophic event than an earthquake that would collapse the levees.

- There should be recognition that the Delta cannot be "restored" in any realistic sense of the word. The system is man made and should be so accepted with the realization that whatever is done in terms of "environmental enhancement" must be maintained at some cost in perpetuity.

- If the combination of through Delta and urban east side aqueduct is selected, there must be a high probability that the urban water can indeed be delivered in separate "slugs" that would not simply be mixed in storage south of the Delta with ag through Delta water.

- Moving Delta levees back onto peat-based islands so as to widen through Delta channels for increased delivery of water seems problematic in terms of engineering feasibility. There must be some qualified engineering opinion given on this alternative.

- A premise for delivering increased amounts of water through or around the Delta is that peak flows can be captured at those limited times sufficient to fill both the state and federal aqueducts. The question is whether the combined through Delta and east side aqueduct could perform that function.

- We must request that well founded modeling will be undertaken prior to any final selection of alternatives.

- Finally, the CALFED process must come to a conclusion with a firm commitment to a time schedule for completion of necessary facilities that will concur with the Metropolitan Water District Integrated Resource Plan and its predicted need for additional State Water Project flows.

Thank you for your consideration.