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Dear Lester:

We have received notice of the extension of the public comment period to your Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR. The extension is probably a very wise idea. It has prompted us to write to you regarding two items that we think need immediate attention. Because we know you are moving forward quickly in many areas, we hope that by writing now rather than a month from now that this input will be of greater value.

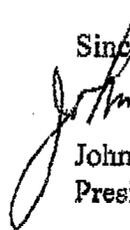
The water quality workshop group dealing with bromides received some interesting input from the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) regarding its experiences in dealing with bromate and trihalomethane formation. At the present time there is no clear explanation as to why CCWD has been so successful. We believe it would be useful to engage an expert in the field who is familiar with the treatment process and who can investigate the situation and shed some light on this subject.

We are convinced that elements of Alternate 2 can be significantly refined to a point where it could be a very attractive starting point for a long-term, staged solution. Accordingly, we would recommend that the storage and conveyance team address the subject of fine-tuning Alternate 2 at the earliest possible date in order to develop a more detailed presentation of Alternate 2 that is on par with the effort and detail shown in Alternate 3. An interactive workshop would serve this purpose very well.

We will have additional comments prior to the end of the comment period. We hope that these initial comments are helpful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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