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Subject: Cal Fed Comments

I will begin by saying that, yes the peripheral canal should be built as a solution to the problems in the delta. The State and Federal Pumping plants in the delta are primarily responsible for the decline in the salmon population in the Sacramento River. It is imperative that this carnage not be allowed to continue.

Now, having said that, I would like to add a few simple conditions:

- 1) More storage must be built in the north state. Environmental usage of the current available water supply have left the system in a chronic shortage. To build this canal without the additional storage is not responsible, and leaves every water user in Northern California at risk. Additional population growth projected for the state in addition to the new environmental usage already in place make this obvious. I strongly oppose, any agreement which does not include additional storage to be built concurrently with the bypass structure.
- 2) The details of exactly how these projects will be funded must be included in any proposed solution. This should be obvious to anyone involved. The people who derive the benefit from the project should be responsible for the cost. This must be spelled out in the agreement.
- 3) Water rights must be protected. Language which specifies that current water right holders will be protected must be incorporated in the agreement. In addition, protection for area of origin must be restated in this document. I would also suggest that any DWR employee who advocates the redistribution of water rights, as a method of solving water shortages, should be fired for stupidity.
- 4) Water quality and water rights of the delta region downstream of the state and federal pumping plants must also be protected and so stated in this document.

With these simple additions I would support the peripheral canal.

The other issues included in your mammoth document ,including the 700 or so projects, are too numerous to discuss in detail. Each individual project must stand on it's own merit, but I would like to make a few general comments.

I oppose any additional purchase of land for environmental reasons along the river, by state or federal agencies until a long term method is established to pay for management of the lands they currently hold. To further acquire land without the means or knowhow to manage this property is fiscally irresponsible. I support private landowner contracts, whereby landowners reach a agreement to mange the property to achieve the environmental goals without relinquishing ownership. Farmland is endangered, and should be treated as such in any consideration which results in a net loss of this valuable resource.

The river needs to be managed both for environmental usage, as well as area landowners. This means a well maintained levee system and even dredging to maintain a primary river course. Allowing the river to meander all over a large flood plain may have been a good idea 200 years ago, but won't work today. Private landowners and environmental projects along the current course have too much invested to ignore.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this plan.

Sincerely,



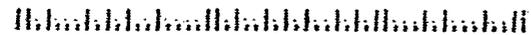
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