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Attention: Rick Breitenbach

Subject: Sweetwater Authority's analysis of alternatives for the Bay-Delta Estuary Improvements and the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

On behalf of the Governing Board of the Sweetwater Authority, I would like to present the Authority's preference for a solution to improvements of the Bay-Delta Estuary. We have reviewed the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR and appreciate the many hours of work performed by the CALFED staff under the direction of the Executive Director Lester Snow. We believe that the Bay-Delta Oversight Committee and other professionals working to identify viable solutions to the Bay-Delta Estuary problems have identified many very thought-provoking alternatives.

It is our Board's opinion that the five options to alternative 3, which enlarges the East Delta Channel and provides an additional open channel isolated facility and up to 6.25 million acre feet of additional storage upstream and downstream of the Delta and provides screens and barriers to protect the fish, is the better solution. We have carefully selected alternative 3E because we believe this alternative minimizes pumping related impacts to the San Joaquin River and Delta fish, while providing the most operational flexibility as a water project. Although this alternative is said to be more difficult to implement politically, we believe that, working together, a solution can be obtained which provides institutional assurances to protect environmental concerns, Delta agriculture and Delta outflows. We must have a project that assures that water can be conveyed to Southern California. Without these assurances, the tremendous costs for potential benefits cannot be justified.

Our Board looks forward to following the progress of the selection of alternatives and the eventual construction of Bay-Delta facilities to assure a guaranteed augmentation of the water supplied to Southern California from the Colorado River.

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If Southern California is going to be supplied with water beyond 2020, this is a crucial project for all citizens of the state to support.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input to this decision.

Very truly yours,

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James S. Wolniewicz
Chairman of the Board

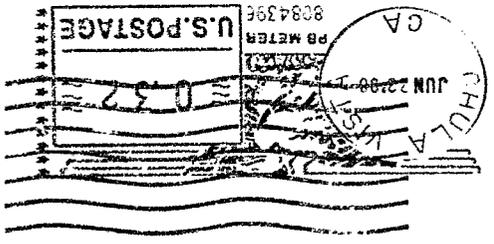
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