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Re: Water

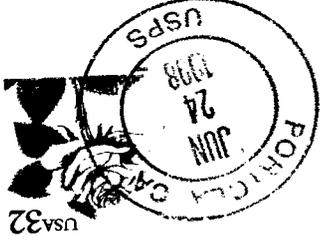
Before the flow of water through the Delta can be addressed there are important issues that have not been ,and must be, specifically addressed in your alternatives.

1. Adjudicated surface water rights must be protected. We don't need litigation to prolong your process even longer than it has already taken.
2. Groundwater rights must be preserved. In Plumas-Sierra counties we have the first Groundwater Management District in the state. Are all the years of work protecting groundwater here to be ignored now?
3. Area of origin protections for water that flows to the Delta need to be addressed before the Plan is implemented.
4. Vague references to future water storage projects needs to be changed to *specific project status* before the Plan can be accepted by the ranching-farming community of this area. While this issue does not directly impact or help this area of origin it is realized here that something must be done to protect California agriculture and the growing population of the State downstream from here.

As a citizen-rancher of Plumas County I ask that you do not sacrifice one of the few enterprises that has survived in this rural area. Without protection for water rights, agriculture here will go the way of logging. Thank you for your consideration.


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