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Dear Mr. Snow:

My major concerns with the Draft EIR on the CalFed project are the lack of impetus for water conservation and the relegation of Brakish water and ecosystem quality to "less critical distinguishing characteristic(s)" of the desirable plan. Water conservation should be a priority and Ecosystem quality should be a primary distinguishing characteristic.

The exact salinity of the brackish water in the Bay area, determines which species can exist as your EIR has stated. "The animal and plant species composition of the tidal wetlands changes as the salinity gradient decreases from west to east." This signifies that maintaining the exact level of brackishness is a high priority to maintaining habitat and the 41 special status species that need one of those variations including the endangered California clapper rail and Salt Marsh harvest pocket mouse. Your plan noted the presence of California least tern, and California brown pelican, which I believe are also listed as endangered. Also how will the 32 SNA's be effected by this plan? Also, could and should tidal influence be reintroduced?

In the Sacramento River region, levees in the lower Sacramento have eliminated riparian habitat for 60 miles. Due to this fact it seems that new levees should be avoided. I agree with Friends of the River that flooding the upper portions of the Sacramento, Pit and McCloud River should be avoided.

Even though the Delta region has fragmented habitat, it is "productive" for wildlife and should be protected. Will these proposed changes effect this habitat's ability to support the special status crustaceans, and the legally protected species at the Antioch Dunes such as Lange's metalmark butterfly? I saw this species on your list of species, but it had no indication under any column regarding whether and in what way it would be effected.

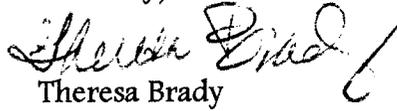
No mention of water conservation has been addressed in the EIR. Since most of the Urban regions of the counties in southern California are effected, and our importation of water must have some impact on these habitat issues, I feel that conservation must be a significant part of this plan. Urban water conservation should include no new construction or limited construction, and limits on landscape plants allowed, preferably to native plants which would reduce water use as it increases habitat for native species of birds and butterflies. Fewer pools should be allowed if any. Composting toilets would also help us use less water, and create less sludge waste. We should be using drought year conservation strategies all the time.

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In agricultural regions, conservation should be addressed as well. Organic and sustainable methods of agriculture are better for wildlife and human life. What water conservation methods are being implemented now? Are Driplines? Are there limits on time of day to water to the early morning? Household conservation should occur in all regions. There are probably many more methods that I have not listed here.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

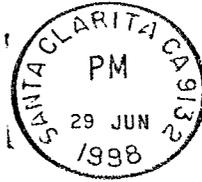
Sincerely,

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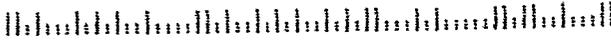


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