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**Senate Select Committee on CalFed Water Program**

*The Honorable Maurice Johannessen*  
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**Re: Comments on Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Impact Report [EIS / EIR]**

Dear Policy Makers:

California's recreational boating community has several questions and concerns with the draft programmatic EIS/EIR for the CalFed Bay-Delta Program.

To date, the effort being conducted by the 15 state and federal agencies has not sufficiently considered the impacts that each of the alternative programs would have on recreational boaters and boating-related industry in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the San Francisco Bay.

Boaters cannot embrace the alternatives that are under consideration until a number of critical issues are addressed, the impacts are assessed, and the mitigations are decided upon, for:

- Navigation in the Delta and Bay, including restrictions on speed and channel barriers.
- Water currents, flows, and speed.
- Boating and existing boating-related facilities, including pumpout stations and gray water disposal.
- Existing businesses that rely on boaters as customers.
- Water depths in areas utilized by boaters.
- The absence of any activities to enhance the existing boating opportunities in the Delta and Bay, and to increase these opportunities as populations and users increase, including facilities, destination points, marinas, and others.

California boaters are very concerned that the draft programmatic EIS/EIR fails to adequately address these critical issues and, as boaters, we cannot support any of the alternatives that are under consideration unless these

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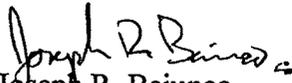
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critical issues are considered and there is sufficient mitigations to ensure that recreational boating will continue at the levels that are enjoyed today.

Recreational Boaters is the governmental advocacy organization that represents the interests of California's recreational boaters. We are committed to promoting the protection, enjoyment and responsible use of the state's waterways.

If you have any questions about the position of Recreational Boaters on this important issue, please contact me at 626-796-8742, or our legislative advocate, Jerry Desmond, Jr, at 916-441-4166.

Sincerely,



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