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1 (Public speakers portion of the proceedings beginning at
2 7:04 p.m.)

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7:04P 4 MR. BODOVITZ: It's a minute or two after 7:00, so
5 let's begin the hearing.

6 My name is Joe Bodovitz, and as Rick said, I
7 will be conducting tonight's hearing.

8 Although I work with CALFED, I'm not part of
9 it; instead, I'm head of a very small, nonprofit
10 organization called the California Environmental Trust.
11 We work to help people in California find as much
12 agreement as possible on the kinds of difficult issues
13 that we'll be considering tonight.

14 My own background is that I was, among other
15 things, the first Executive Director of the
16 State Coastal Commission and, later, Executive Director of
17 the State Public Utilities Commission, which those of you
18 familiar with the P.U.C. know regulates all of the
19 investor-owned water companies in California, so I have
20 been involved with many of the issues we'll be discussing
21 tonight.

22 In a moment, I'll go over the ground rules,
23 which are very simple, but the key one is: If you wish to
24 speak tonight, it's necessary to fill out one of these
25 yellow cards on the table at the back, and because we

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1 don't have a better idea of how to proceed, we'll call on
2 speakers in the order in which we receive cards. We have
3 a fair number of you signed up already. As I say, if any
4 more of you wish to speak, please fill out one of the
5 yellow cards.

6 Now I want to introduce, next, a couple of
7 the people from the CALFED Policy Committee, the people
8 who will decide on the recommendations that will go
9 forward.

10 Jim Lecky, from whom you've already heard,
11 Assistant Director of the National Marine Fishery Service,
12 and Kathy Kelly, Chief of Project Planning for the
13 State Department of Water Resources, and you've also
7:05P 14 already heard from Steve Ritchie, Deputy Director of
15 CALFED, and from Rick Breitenbach and from
16 Valerie Holcomb.

17 Let me go quickly to the procedures for
18 tonight, and then we'll begin hearing from you.

19 We have a number of people signed up.
20 Everything you say will be both recorded and transcribed
21 by a court reporter, and you may submit written comments
22 of any length on the CALFED draft environmental documents.
23 There's a paper on the table outside that explains how to
24 do that, what the deadline is, and the address to which to
25 send them.

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1 But in all of the hearings all over the
2 State -- and this is one of sixteen hearings being
3 conducted on the draft environmental documents -- the rule
4 is that oral presentations will be limited to three
5 minutes, and it may not seem that you can say a lot in
6 three minutes, but believe me, you can.

7:06P 7 To help the speakers know how you're doing on
8 three minutes, we have a little traffic light hear. When
9 you start, the light will be green. That means you have
10 three minutes. When the light turns yellow, that means
11 you have one minute. Don't proceed through the
12 intersection too rapidly. And when the red light goes on,
13 it means your time is up, and in fairness to those yet to
14 come, we ask that you complete the sentence or at least
15 the short paragraph that you're in the middle of.

16 Now, as one further way to help move the
17 hearing along, I will call three speakers at a time, and
18 if you happen to be seated in the middle of one of the
19 rows at the back, it really does help us move
20 expeditiously if, when your name is called, you move to
21 one of these chairs down front, so that, when we're ready
22 for you, you're ready to speak.

23 So, if there are any questions about
24 procedure...

25 Hearing none, we'll begin.

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7:07P 1 The first three speakers are Dan McMillan,
2 Duane C-h-e-b-u-l, Chebul, I hope, and
3 Stephen Wierzbilowski.

4 MR. McMILLAN: Good evening. I'm Dan McMillan, a
5 Director of Padre Dam Municipal Water District and their
6 representative and a director of the San Diego Water
7 Authority, the public agency that is responsible for the
8 importing and distribution of the water to the
9 San Diego County to help maintain its 89 million --
10 billion dollar economy.

11 We carry out this responsibility by importing
12 from two sources, the Colorado River and the Bay-Delta,
13 and, additionally, we support local development of
14 resources.

15 San Diego County is looking to CALFED for
16 support in several areas, most notably water supply and
17 water quality.

18 I'm here tonight to talk briefly about the
19 concept of regulatory certainty and continuous improvement
20 of water supplies.

21 At this moment, water providers cannot depend
22 on the Bay-Delta water from month to month, much less from
23 year to year. This is because of regulatory actions that
24 attempt to solve environmental problems by reducing water
25 divergence in from the Delta.

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1 We agree that the CALFED solution must
 2 restore the Bay-Delta environ- -- ecosystem to health so
 3 that such threats to our water supply are eliminated, but
 4 we must have regulatory certainty regarding our Bay-Delta
 5 water supply so that we can plan intelligently to meet the
 6 needs of our constituents.

7 Recently, we have enjoyed some certainty,
 8 thanks to the Bay-Delta accord of 1994, but the accord is
 9 temporary, and the strength of the certainty it offers was
 10 called into question recently with the Bay-Delta smelt
 11 down, that you're all aware of.

12 We have earned a regulatory certainty, we
 13 feel, in the Bay-Delta. Over the past decade, more than
 14 one million acre feet of water have been reallocated from
 15 California cities and farms to the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

16 In return for our investment, we should get a
 17 sense of certainty that is more than tempor- -- temporary.

18 In Southern California, we must be certain
 19 that we will receive a reliable supply from the
 20 State Water Project during the dry years and we will have
 21 a -- access to a full entitlement during the wet years.

22 As to the idea of continuous improvement, we
 23 do hold CALFED to its commitment for continuous
 24 improvement. We expect that our water supply from the
 25 Bay-Delta will improve continuously in terms of quality

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1 and reliability due to the CALFED program.

2 We do not find improvement as replacing the
 3 water we have lost with recycled water and surf water.

4 Southern California is a national leader in
 5 these areas, but we know full well that conservation and
 6 recycling alone cannot meet our needs, and, on this, I
 7 give a personal note from our own water district.

8 We have spent 24 thous- -- million dollars to
 9 upgrade our recycling plant. Obviously, we have been led
 10 in this path with Government grants, four million dollars
 11 from the State and the Feds, and we -- but for these
 12 recycling plants to work, we do need a good quality source
 13 of water. Without that, we have a 24-million-dollar
 14 investment and a million gallons a day that we cannot use,
 15 so the quality is looked at for.

16 This project is noted, and it's been defended
 17 by many, including Professor Simmons of U.S.D. and the
 18 Sierra Club.

19 Thank you.

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20 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. McMillan.

21 Next, Duane Chebul, Stephen Wierzbowski, and
 22 Bill Pauli.

23 MR. CHEBUL: My is Duane Chebul, and I represent
 24 California Trout.

25 We believe that there are better solutions

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1 available than the current CALFED phase two alternatives.
 2 We are against the construction of more dams and
 3 reservoirs throughout the State, as phase two would
 4 propose to do. Rather, we want to see more reliance on
 5 water conservation and groundwater storage to augment the
 6 water supply.

7 We are opposed to the construction of a
 8 peripheral canal to solve water quality prob- -- problems.
 9 Rather, we want water quality problems solved at their
 10 source; not as an engineering solution around the problem.

11 And, lastly, we want more water provided for
 12 the restoration of threatened fisheries and damaged
 13 watersheds, without the building of new dams.

14 Thank you.

7:11P

15 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, sir.

16 Stephen Wierzbowski, Bill Pauli, Joe Libeu.

17 MR. WIERZBIOUSKI: CALFED has done a lot of good
 18 work. However, we believe that the current CALFED phase
 19 two alternative can be improved.

20 Before building more dams, all other
 21 alternatives should be used, especially water conservation
 22 and underground water storage.

23 We know that dams have deleterious effects on
 24 fish populations in those rivers that have dams, and,
 25 sadly, we've learned this through the experience of the

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1 last number of years.

2 Water quality problems should not be solved
 3 by the peripheral canal, but rather solved at their
 4 source, by preventing the pollution in the first place.

5 We want more water provided for the
 6 restoration of threatened fisheries and damaged
 7 watersheds.

8 We see no need to build further dams, which
 9 will only serve to further degrade our river system and
 10 our fisheries.

11 Thank you very much for your time and
 12 attention.

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13 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, sir.

14 Bill Pauli, Joe Libeu, Irvine Haydock.

15 MR. PAULI: Good evening.

16 My name is Bill Pauli, and I'm a farmer from
 17 Potter Valley, a section of the California Farm Bureau,
 18 and not from Cal Trout.

19 California farmers have been a consistent
 20 voice at these hearings to encourage CALFED to provide
 21 more water for people. Both on farms and in cities,
 22 Californians have improved the efficiency of water use,
 23 but some farmers face water cutbacks, even after a series
 24 of wet years, and the prospects of water rationing looms
 25 for city residents when the next drought comes, and the

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1 next drought will come.

2 CALFED's current plan relies on taking water
3 away from people, through transfers, conservation, and the
4 idling of productive land.

5 The plan indicates people should expect less
6 water most of the time.

7 Instead, CALFED must assure there's enough
8 water available to meet all needs. CALFED must pursue new
9 water storage more quickly and more aggressively. It's
10 current plans are based wholly on conservation,
11 reallocation, and do not address the areas of origin
12 impacts.

13 Some will argue that such an approach is
14 needed to force farmers to conserve and recycle, but
15 farmers are conserving and recycling.

16 Total water use on California farms is now
17 less than it was 30 years ago, but our total production,
18 in terms of crops, is up 67 percent. We know that
19 conservation works.

20 California's number one use of recycled water
21 is for agricultural irrigation. According to the
22 Department of Water Resources, nearly one-third of the
23 water recycled each year is used by agriculture and our
24 farms. That's more than the landscape irrigation and the
25 industrial uses combined, but conservation and recycling

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1 are not limited sources of new water.

2 While we work to improve water efficiency,
3 CALFED must also commit to enhancement in water storage.
4 Saving more water in storage during wet years makes sense
5 and will help both people and the environment, especially
6 during severe droughts.

7 CALFED must also minimize its impact on
8 farmlands. Your current plan could affect hundreds of
9 thousands of acres. California farmlands are an
10 ecological resource of worldwide importance and provide
11 economic benefits to farmers, farm workers, and millions
12 of people in both rural and urban California.

13 Remember, CALFED was created not only to
14 provide for fish and wildlife, but to provide reliable,
15 high quality water for people, as well as the environment.

16 CALFED failed to provide for our future or
17 our farms.

18 Thank you very much.

7:15P 19 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Paull.

20 Joe -- I'm -- I'm having trouble reading the
21 handwriting here -- L-i-b-e-u, perhaps.

22 MR. LIBEU: "e-u."

23 MR. BODOVITZ: "e-u."

24 MR. LIBEU: Libeu.

25 MR. BODOVITZ: All right.

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1 Irvine Haydock and Michael Rozenfurth.

2 MR. LIBEU: Good evening.

3 My name is Joe Libeu, and I appear before
4 this panel as a concerned citizen over the issues of
5 building more dams in California.

6 We recognize that water is a precious
7 resource and the need to conserve our subsurface water
8 supplies. The key here is conservation.

9 Look at the -- look at the decline in usage
10 in the Los Angeles area when we had our drought several
11 years ago. We proved, in California, and in Southern
12 California, that conservation works.

13 What amazes me is, while CALFED discusses the
14 building of twelve multi-billion-dollar dams, the rest of
15 the nation is studying the breaching of dams and returning
16 of rivers to their original state.

17 Here, in the west, on the Snake River,
18 Idaho Rivers United is gaining votes to breach four dams.
19 In the east, we've already breached one dam, in order to
20 restore the salmon hab- -- salmon habitat. In Oregon, we
21 have breached a dam in order to restore the river to its
22 natural habitat.

23 In Idaho, there is a lake named Red Lake. It
24 was named that because of the sockeye salmon that used to
25 spawn there.

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1 The last dam on the Snake River was completed
2 in 1975. In just 25 years, we have destroyed a species of
3 sockeye salmon.

4 This year 18 sockeye salmon have been counted
5 going through the dam, only and -- and only one has
6 reached Red Lake.

7 I ask you, "Is that what we want?"

8 Now let's ask ourselves, "Who will benefit
9 from the new dams?"

10 CALFED has said that we need the dams for
11 agriculture and future growth. Let's examine this.

12 80 percent of the water used within the State
13 is by agriculture, so we build more dams, and agriculture
14 uses 80 percent of the water that it purchased at a
15 subsidy price and, in turn, resales water to the cities,
16 corporations, and individuals.

17 If it -- is this not agriculture industries
18 selling unused water at a profit, water we taxpayers paid
19 for in building the dams?

20 The water we pay for here, in
21 Southern California basin, more -- cost more than what the
22 farmers buy it for.

23 Why is this?

24 Now let's talk about water management.

25 As an example of water management, I just

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1 looked at Lake Cachuma.
2 I grew up on this lake. When the lake was
3 built in 1953, no consideration was given to the migratory
4 steelhead that migrated up through the Santa Ynez River.
5 My father used to catch these steelhead with a Portuguese
6 fly rod.

7 Now, 46 years later, during El Nino, water
8 flowed freely to the sea, and we had the return of the
9 steelhead. No thought was ever given to how much water
10 should be released so in order to keep these steelhead
11 coming up the river.

12 In closing, simply put, the solution is
13 conservation, not dams.

14 Thank you very much.

7:19P 15 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Libeu.

16 Irwin Haydock, Michael Rozenqurth, and
17 Terry Hartman.

18 MR. HAYDOCK: My name is Irwin Haydock, a retired
19 California boy now living locally in Fountain Valley.

20 Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

21 First, I would like to call your attention to
22 written comments made on last year's draft EIR, slash,
23 "S". None of which appear to be specifically addressed in
24 the document before us.

25 Please reread my earlier comments, and also

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1 consider those made by others, before making your final
2 decision.

3 Tonight I submit the following observations
4 for your careful and honest consideration:

5 What's the problem?

6 I have a slide that envisions my thinking.
7 It shows an old man leading a young lad alongside a great
8 California river, as background for the names of six
9 generations of my pioneering family, which arrived shortly
10 after the Donner party's disaster in 1856.

11 My family has now witnessed almost 150 years
12 leading to our now critical water dilemma.

13 I hope summarizing this history can point to
14 the way for the future, before disaster overtakes us.

15 We are the problem. We must all change our
16 water ways to survive and prosper in the future.

17 I believe mine has been a hard working,
18 honest, and giving family. My Great-Grandfather Dawson
19 pioneered the fruit canning industry in the
20 Santa Clara Valley, and the pulp waste depleted the oxygen
21 of small creeks of south San Francisco Bay result --
22 resulting in the demise of all salmon.

23 Through the middle of the century, my
24 Grandfather Pomeroy carefully irrigated Sunnyvale
25 orchards, produced memorably sweet peaches, prunes, and

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1 cherries, as he dug the wells deeper each year until
2 Santa Clara's groundwaters finally became severely
3 depleted in the 1950s.

4 My 90-year-old father's late job -- 1930s job
5 was to clear title to lands used to construct Shasta Dam,
6 a good work that eventually blocked hundreds of miles of
7 the huge salmon population spawning habitat.

8 He tells me the work that was done was done
9 so well the dam's titles will never be challenged.

10 In 1968, I took a path less traveled,
11 becoming an expert aquatic ecologist, after writing a
12 U.C. Davis Ph.D. thesis on rotifers, small planktonic
13 creatures living in the Delta.

14 I have spent the past 30 years trying,
15 unsuccessfully it appears, to provide science-based
16 recommendations for a lasting water future.

17 In -- in the 1980s, my son and daughter
18 decided a more direct approach was the future, one now a
19 specialist on groundwater remediation; the other a
20 hydrologist working on Orange County's largest and most
21 innovative wastewater reclamation project yet.

22 I have been recently blessed with a final
23 opportunity. I'm now guardian to my 14-year-old genius
24 grandson. I plan to spend the rest of my life equipping
25 him to successfully continue this quest.

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1 I have lived equally north and south. It is
2 time we all moved to the center on our water dilemma. We
3 need an honesty -- to honestly determine how much water
4 there is for the future and how to fairly apportion this
5 among all the real needs of nature and the humane -- human
6 society.

7:22P 7 MR. BODOVITZ: Mr. Haydock, the time is gone. I'm
8 sorry.

9 Thank you very much.

10 Michael Rozenqurth, Terry Hartman, Art Brown.

11 DR. ROZENGURTH: My name, Michael Rozenqurth,
12 professional hydrologist, stenographer (phonetic), working
13 as a consultant for State of California some times ago and
14 as a consultant for State Department.

15 I would say that from my knowledge, 40 years
16 experience in this field, the work, I will say, of this
17 political document, which have nothing in common with the
18 law of physics, the law of hydro- -- hydrodynamics.
19 Entirely have to escape all major question of related
20 water supplies, does not tune -- failed to tune days to
21 which it have statistic analysis to what they produced and
22 to what they pro- -- predicted to -- to use, failed to
23 demonstrate any regression analysis between water and fish
24 and full with promises which fully contradict everything
25 wrote down by modern physics, starting from Newton and

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1 Isaac and -- and Einstein, and that was means that you
2 cannot get something from nothing.

7:23P 3 The water supply of Northern California is
4 exhausted entirely. No amount of hydro-technical
5 construction would restore anything.

6 In 1974, peripheral canal was built in
7 Volga River on the eastern part. It fully destroyed
8 Volga River and the entire industry and, again, water
9 supply.

10 Major Brown was sent by Kennedy in 1991 to
11 check my works, and you -- you can get a report, I
12 suppose, from the Department of Water Resources, because
13 it was -- everything was true, and there is no one example
14 of the work order, when such -- in -- in the enormous
15 network of dams and water facilities.

16 The water restore anything, any fish, when
17 you don't have water. The major resource of the life.

18 And so the end of my small presentation, I
19 will say perhaps that I have got nothing from you, last
20 year critical evaluation of CALFED report, and I want to
21 propose your attention, just printed my evaluation,
22 ecological studies, United States, for the last 40 years,
23 which publish American Geophysical Union, this month's,
24 printed in August 20th, for use as a protocol.

25 I wish you good luck, but I don't believe in

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1 It.

7:25P 2 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.

3 Terry Hartman, Art Brown, Ed Winkler.

4 MR. HARTMAN: My name is Terry Hartman. I'm here
5 on behalf of the Orange County Business Council
6 Infrastructure Committee.

7 The economic health on this state depends
8 greatly on the economy of Southern California, which, in
9 turn, rests firmly on the assurance of a reliable quality
10 water supply.

11 The Orange County Business Council supports a
12 Bay-Del- -- Bay-Delta solution that works for all of the
13 economic regions of the State. Therefore, we acknowledge
14 that CALFED has an awesome responsibility to produce a
15 win-win plan for all stakeholders in the process.

16 We believe the only way to have a win-win
17 plan is for CALFED to produce a balanced solution to
18 secure the environmental and economic future of
19 California.

20 The CALFED plan or draft prefer -- draft
21 preferred program alternative does not offer California a
22 truly balanced Bay-Delta solution. We believe that the
23 programmatic EIS is an unenforceable plan, as currently
24 written. It must not only positively address the solution
25 of environmental issues, but also result in commitments

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1 for long-term reliable supply of good quality water for
2 Southern California.

3 The mission of our Business Council includes
4 making sure that the Bay-Delta plan includes reliable and
5 good quality water supplies that support the projected
6 growth of Southern California.

7:26P 7 Based on our review, the CALFED preferred
8 program does not meet the expectations of the business
9 community.

10 To most completely meet the interests of the
11 Orange County businesses, the Delta-preferred program must
12 include a balance of reliable water supply, highest
13 possible drinking water quality, cost containment, coupled
14 with an adequate investment of resources, water management
15 efficiencies, increase the off-stream storage, assurance
16 agreements, coordinated staged implementation.

17 Based on a review of the programmatic
18 environmental document, the Business Council has concluded
19 that the previously considered alternative three is
20 superior to the CALFED preferred plan and is the only
21 alternative that includes all of the elements mentioned
22 above.

23 At the same time, the Business Council wants
24 to emphasize the importance of developing an effective
25 insurance package so that the effected interests all have

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1 guarantees of the benefits to be received and that they
2 bear only their fair share of program costs.

3 The Business Council, in conjunction with the
4 Southern California Business Coalition, has submitted to
5 CALFED a comprehensive position statement or white paper,
6 which explains in detail why the alternative three plan
7 best addresses all the elements needed to achieve a
8 balanced fix to the Bay-Delta problems, therefore
9 resulting in an all-California solution.

7:28P 10 The Business Council is convinced that the
11 challenges faced by alternative three, in terms of
12 assurances and implement-ability, can be firmly
13 established. In fact, by the very nature, a
14 dual-conveyance system assures both water quality and
15 fishery health.

16 MR. BODOVITZ: The time is gone, Mr. Hartman, I'm
17 sorry to say.

18 MR. HARTMAN: All right. Thank you.

19 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.

20 Art Brown, Ed Winkler, and Thom Coughran of
21 the City of Santa Ana.

22 I'm sorry if I'm mispronouncing that.

23 MR. BROWN: Good evening.

24 My name is Art Brown, and I'm a councilman
25 for the City of Buena Park. I'm addressing you this

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1 evening in my capacity as chairman of the Water Policy
2 Task Force of the Southern California Association of
3 Governments, the regional organization representing the
4 city and county governments in Ventura, Los Angeles,
5 Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial Counties.

6 The remarks I'm making reflect the policy
7 voted on by the regional council SCAG governing body. In
8 its decision earlier today, they formally adopted a set of
9 comments on your proposed program, as well as a statement
10 of CALFED policy principals. These comments and
11 principals, as recommended by our task force, have shaped
12 our testimony for the region in three previous CALFED
13 public hearings.

14 At those hearings, our elected officials have
15 offered comments on source water quality from the
16 Bay-Delta, CALFED governments, and CALFED financing.

17 I'm placing in the record tonight a copy of
18 our regional board's action, as well as copies of our
19 previous testimony.

20 My testimony this evening is about the
21 region's need for water supply and reliability.

22 Five years ago, as we began this process,
23 water supply and reliability were major goals for CALFED.
24 We are working through conflicts, problems, and
25 anticipating a balanced preferred program alternative that

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1 would bring comprehensive improvements.

2 Unfortunately, we're still waiting for the
3 balanced program.

4 It's disappointing to review California's
5 recent water history. In the past two decades, we've seen
6 the neglect and decline of our state's water supply and
7 delivery system. In the past ten years, alone, the
8 State's cities and farms have lost more than a million
9 acre feet water supply from the Delta.

7:30P 10 In order to support -- in order for us to
11 support the CALFED solution, we need to have a reliable
12 new supplies that, in combination with our local supplies,
13 will meet the needs of our growing region. By 2020, we'll
14 have seven million more residents in our part of
15 Southern California. We'll be conserving, reclaiming, and
16 recycling water at unprecedented rates.

17 At even these rates, we need a CALFED
18 solution that delivers an average of 75 percent of our
19 area's waters state entitlement, not the usual 40 percent
20 or less, and, remember, our region is already paying every
21 year for about a million acre feet that we never receive.

22 When we look at stage one for -- for a
23 program that delivers, what we get, instead, is one that
24 drips.

7:31P 25 As an optimist looks at your program, will we

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1 see a -- we see a chance for 200,000 acre feet of annual
2 new water supplies. A realist sees a chance of a new
3 annual losses of another 700,000 acre feet.

4 It's hard to believe, but we can wonder if
5 CALFED is moving California backwards.

6 We urge you to meet your responsibilities to
7 all of the people in California and enact operating
8 regulatory policies for reliability. These policies would
9 eliminate surprises, even in wet years. It protects it
10 against sudden calamities. They rely on good science and
11 informed decision-making and reflect the real urgency in
12 implementing new water supply and storage projects.

13 MR. BODOVITZ: Mr. Brown, we look forward to
14 getting the full text, but the three minutes are up.

15 MR. BROWN: Thanks.

16 MR. BODOVITZ: Ed Winkler, Thom Coughran of
17 Santa Ana, and a card that says only Councilwoman Cook.

18 MR. WINKLER: Thank you, and good evening.

19 My name is Ed Winkler. I'm manager of the
20 Bay-Delta branch for the Metropolitan Water District of
21 Southern California.

22 Metropolitan wholesales or provides
23 supplemental water to 27 member agencies, who, in turn,
24 serve over 16 million people from Ventura to the Mexican
25 border, so the reliability and the quality of our

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1 State Water Project supply is critical to our region's
2 500 billion dollar economy and quality of life.

3 Metropolitan has supported CALFED from the
4 start. In fact, we've contributed 30 million dollars to
5 jump start the ecosystem restoration program.

6 Our continued support will depend on whether
7 actions are implemented in the near term to enhance source
8 water quality and supply reliability.

9 Metropolitan's Board of Directors recently
10 adopted a revised policy concerning CALFED, and my
11 comments will focus on three key points from that revised
12 policy.

13 Point one, currently the program describe --
14 described in the CALFED EIR is headed in the wrong
7:32P 15 direction. Water user benefits have not been forthcoming.

16 CALFED has been paralyzed by its quest for consensus,
17 allowing one interest group or another to delay key
18 decisions, such as decisions on storage and conveyance.

19 At the same time, costly -- or you have
20 costly regulatory decisions, such as what happened with
21 the Delta smelt earlier this year. Those decisions have
22 been made without the same rules for consensus.

23 The situation is not acceptable.

7:33P 24 Point number two, to reinvigorate CALFED,
25 Governor Davis and Secretary Babbitt must commit to a plan

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1 of action now, to benefit both water users and the
2 environment. Specifically, we need near-term actions and
3 benchmarks for source water quality improvement. We need
4 actions to increase the State Water Project's pumping
5 capacity up to 10,300 C.F.S. We need firm regulatory
6 assurances to protect our supplies from unexpected events,
7 such as what happened this year, earlier this year with
8 Delta smelt, and we need near-term decisions regarding new
9 storage for groundwater and surface water storage.

10 And the last point for us, this is a business
11 decision. We believe achieving CALFED's goals is critical
12 to the future of all California, in terms of our economy
13 and our environment. If CALFED fails to take balanced
14 actions, to improve quality supply and the environment,
15 Southern California will seek other solutions.

16 If out-of-Delta solutions turn out to be more
17 costly, then it is our position that State and Federal
18 funding should be made available to offset such costs.

19 Thank you very much.

7:34P 20 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Winkler.

21 Thom Coughran, Councilwoman Cook,
22 Dale Stanton.

23 MR. COUGHRAN: Good evening.

24 My name is Thom Coughran, City of Santa Ana.
25 That's all right.

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1 MR. BODOVITZ: I'm sorry, sir.

2 MR. COUGHRAN: I'm Metropolitan Water District
3 director, as well.

4 In looking at some of the information you
5 passed out this evening, "what happened next" is covered
6 in here.

7 I'm kind of alarmed in the fact that you have
8 been negotiating now for five years or discussing your
9 planning for five years and just now getting into
10 negotiations of give and take, as indicated during the
11 main conference this evening.

7:35P 12 It really alarms me, because, later in the --
13 the text, you say in the next phase one, which is
14 seven-year time frame, you're going to do all these great
15 things.

16 I think it really needs to be addressed on
17 what your benchmarking criteria is going to be, what your
18 schedule is going to be. I fully understand that it's a
19 30-year fixed, if you will, in the different phases, but
20 it does not identify, in your planning, what your
21 benchmarkings are going to do, what your achieving is
22 going to do, and most importantly what the cost benefits
23 are going to be associated to those.

24 I think it's going in the wrong direction of
25 just saying, "Yeah, we're going to do all these things

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1 and* -- "and sometime, in the 30-year time frame, we'll
2 have it fixed."

3 That's the wrong direction to go. You
4 need -- need to be more specific. You need to have more
5 of a -- a set goal.

6 I crossed out the -- the issues of
7 Southern California wanting guarantees, but we do want the
8 assurances of what you're trying to focus on, and you need
9 to -- to get the assurances, you need to have your
10 stepping stones, to find out where you measure to them.

11 So, with that, I hope that you take these
12 into consideration and not make hasty decisions going in
13 the wrong direction for your alternatives and that you do
14 pick them, and I think it's a little premature to try to
15 do that in the next 12 months.

16 Thank you.

7:36P 17 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, sir.

18 Councilwoman Cook, Dale Stanton, Ed Royce.
19 MS. COOK: Good evening.

20 My name is Laura Ann Cook. I'm
21 council member in the City of Fountain Valley and
22 immediate past President of the Orange County Division
23 League of California Cities.

24 I'm here today to present testimony on behalf
25 of the 32 cities in Orange County and the 2.7 million

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1 people they serve.

2 I wish to thank you for the opportunity to
3 comment on the CALFED program and the importance to our
4 region.

5 My comments are directed to the policy
6 implications of decisions facing the CALFED program.

7:38P 7 As elected officials responsible for
8 maintaining the health and safety of our communities and
9 rate payers, we, in Orange County, have three areas of
10 concern: Water supply, water quality, and commitment of
11 fin- -- of financial resources.

12 First, we need assurances that the
13 Orange County water supply requirements will be met. Our
14 public agencies have undertaken a massive and expensive
15 campaign to encourage water conservation practices and to
16 develop technology and facilities to replenish our
17 groundwater system through recycling of existing water
18 resources.

19 As you are aware, we are currently receiving
20 far less than our agreed-to allocation of Bay-Delta water.

21 We believe that we are doing our part to
22 participate in the solution to California water needs and
23 request CALFED reaffirm its commitment, by agreeing to a
24 minimum dry-year allocation of 650,000 acre feet per year,
25 as requested by our regional and local water agencies.

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1 We support the request made by our major
 2 water wholesaler, the Metropolitan Water District, for a
 3 commitment that the Banks Pumping Plant be permitted to
 4 operate to greater capacity by the end of stage one of the
 5 program.

7:39P 6 Secondly, we need assurances that the water
 7 quality requirements of our county will be met, prior to
 8 costly new regulatory requirements going into effect.

9 We support the position of our local water
 10 suppliers that this can be accomplished by taking action
 11 to improve quality of the Delta water supplies through use
 12 of alternative sources and/or treatment facilities.

13 Thirdly, we must be assured that a balanced
 14 funding package, which benefits for both Northern and
 15 Southern California, will be supported by State and
 16 Federal funding.

17 Finally, we also support the creation of a
 18 water quality account to implement water quality
 19 improvement projects and public health requirements. This
 20 is a funding mechanism which has worked quite well with
 21 other infrastructure needs, such as transportation.

7:40P 22 MR. BODOVITZ: Ms. Cook, I'm sorry. Your --
 23 MS. COOK: That's fine.
 24 MR. BODOVITZ: -- time is gone.
 25 MS. COOK: I was just finishing. Thank you.

1 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.
 2 Dale Stanton, Ed Royce, Bob Seat.
 3 MR. STANTON: Good evening.
 4 My name is Dale Stanton, and I serve on the
 5 Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors,
 6 representing the City of Anaheim.
 7 Every stakeholder in the CALFED process will
 8 agree that equitable allocation and protection of our
 9 state water resources is a processed -- pressing and
 10 necessary endeavor. However, among the -- the problems in
 11 the CALFED current plan is one particularly glaring
 12 omission; that is to identify exactly who will be paying
 13 the four- to five-billion-dollar effort.
 14 If Southern California is to obtain any
 15 solutions from the CALFED process critical to the
 16 long-term success of business and commerce in the region,
 17 we must insist on the following provisions:

7:41P 18 First, in order to ensure integrated,
 19 cost-effective decision-making, a government structure
 20 must be created. The body must be capable of successfully
 21 negotiating between all parties and implementing a plan,
 22 and I want you to notice I did not use the word
 23 "consensus."
 24 Second, have -- CALFED must develop a
 25 comprehensive program that is equitable and agreeable to

1 all stakeholders who are expected to pay.
 2 CALFED, also, must develop fair cost-sharing
 3 procedures. It needs to identify necessary State and
 4 Federal funding sources and environmental -- environmental
 5 water qual- -- quality improvement and supplementing
 6 supply reliability programs.

7:42P 7 In addition, CALFED's stage one projects must
 8 be bundled into manageable packages linked with funding
 9 sources. This bundling must provide a balance among all
 10 the program's objectives.

11 CALFED is either committed to process or
 12 results. Southern California has already invested over
 13 30 million dollars in process. It is time for results.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Stanton.
 16 Ed Royce, Bob Seat, Ellen Sanders Way.
 17 MR. ROYCE: Good evening.
 18 I'm -- my name is Ed Royce, Senior. I'm an
 19 elected director of the Municipal Water District of
 20 Orange County, a member agency of the Metropolitan Water
 21 District of Southern California.
 22 I'm speaking tonight on behalf of my district
 23 and the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County, which
 24 represents the interests of all the public and private
 25 water providers in the County.

7:43P 1 We see that the current CALFED programmatic
 2 EIR/EIS is incomplete. It fails to commit to the supply
 3 reliability and water quality standards that we were led
 4 to believe were part of the original CALFED agreement.
 5 This document is only a promise to try to fulfill these
 6 earlier promises.
 7 Further, the document does not contain the
 8 specific elements to make the necessary performance a
 9 reality.

10 We would not contract with a plumber to fix
 11 our plumbing problem if -- if he didn't assure us that he
 12 would fix it and especially if he didn't bring a wrench
 13 and a -- and a snake.
 14 Before we, in Southern California, give our
 15 blessing and our dollars to this document, we want to be
 16 sure that we see, in black and white, that we get what we
 17 pay for. This is a commitment, that is, a commitment to
 18 perform and a commitment to provide the incentives and
 19 facilities to make that performance possible.

7:44P 20 No pig in a poke. We need to have the gaps
 21 in this document filled in prior to the record of
 22 decision.

23 Thank you.
 24 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Royce.
 25 Bob Seat, Ellen Sanders Way, and then

1 Supervisor Todd Spitzer of Orange County.
 2 MR. SEAT: I'm Bob Seat, President of the
 3 Orange County Farm Bureau, on the Board of Directors for
 4 the Southern California Water Committee, and I'm a
 5 President of a tree wholesale nursery here in
 6 Orange County. In other words, I'm a farmer.
 7 Perhaps -- perhaps everybody in the room now
 8 knows what I'm going to say, because the farmers seem to
 9 run pretty close to the same script.
 10 In December of 1998, CALFED had made a number
 11 of key element commitments on that phase two report. We
 12 felt they represented progress towards the policy
 13 framework that we'd heard you were working on. However,
 14 in your last six months, the CALFED progress appears to
 15 have retreated from those key elements.
 16 It was our hope that CALFED's solution would
 17 be a balanced, comprehensive solution that would address
 18 many of our environmental problems north, for the people
 19 with the floods; Central Valley, the farmers in that area,
 20 and down here in the urban area, where we still do
 21 200 million dollars of farming each year and, yet, have
 22 an urban population that needs that water when the next
 23 cycle of drought comes.
 24 CALFED's technic- -- technical appraisal has
 25 gone away from looking into the different things that they

1 had said they were going to do. The creation of new
 2 surface and groundwater storage, the re-operation of
 3 existing investor-owned hydroelectric projects, adequate
 4 water transfer programs, water conservation improvements,
 5 these were all the necessary elements of the solution, but
 6 they all need to be looked at, not some of them just
 7 talked about and put off into the future in some time that
 8 we don't understand as to when they're going to be
 9 implemented.
 10 We understand the political questions are
 11 tough. We understand, too, that you have to try and find
 12 something in between to satisfy everyone, but there's not
 13 much sense in having everyone unhappy if the roof leaks.
 14 We strongly urge that your work move back
 15 towards a comprehensive solution that includes the
 16 necessary analysis of all conveyance options, all storage,
 17 the re-operation of the old hydroelectric facility
 18 options, and that they're analyzed in a manner that will
 19 support a programmatic -- programmatic record of decision.
 20 We really hope that you get back to where you
 21 were at in December of 1998 and move forward. We'd like
 22 to move with you.
 23 Thank you.
 7:46P 24 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Seat.
 25 Ellen Way, Supervisor Spitzer, Bill Holmes.

7:47P 1 MS. WAY: Can I take this off?
 2 MR. BREITENBACH: That's okay.
 3 MS. WAY: I'm a little short for that.
 4 Good evening.
 5 My name is Ellen Sanders Way, and in the
 6 spirit of cooperation and common ground, I want to suggest
 7 to everyone tonight one thing that I believe we all have
 8 in common, and that is: We all eat.
 9 Now think about this. The cream that you
 10 poured in your coffee this morning, the turkey that was on
 11 your sandwich at lunch, or the cotton that's in your
 12 sheets, all came from California agriculture.
 13 I, tonight -- I'm just simply the daughter of
 14 a dairy farmer. Our dairy sits on the San Joaquin River.
 15 We depend heavily on that river.
 16 My husband and I grow fruits and vegetables
 17 in the Coachella Valley, and I am here tonight to express
 18 to you agriculture's concerns about the process that
 19 you're engaged in.
 20 I believe strongly that the reason
 21 agriculture is considered a threat to the State's
 22 ecological health and water supply is because we have not
 23 properly educated the public about how agriculture
 24 benefits each and every resident of this great state.
 25 There isn't one person in this room tonight

1 who doesn't benefit from agriculture.
 2 As urban consumers, we must provide farmers
 3 with the necessary resources to continue to grow the
 4 safest, most abundant, and most affordable food supply in
 5 the world.
 6 I am here tonight to express my concern, and
 7 I came to Costa Mesa because I think this urban setting
 8 perfectly demonstrates how urban growth, without the
 9 protection of resources, will eliminate food production in
 10 California.
 11 As I understand the process, CALFED is to
 12 address four critical problems with the Bay-Delta system.
 13 However, in your draft plan, ecosystem restoration clearly
 14 outweighs the other critical problems which severely
 15 impact people.
 16 Why is it that in your ecosystem restoration
 17 program, which is listed with highest priority, that
 18 supporting sustainable populations of diverse and valuable
 19 plant and animal species is more important than increasing
 20 our water storage capability so that people won't continue
 21 to lose valuable rainfall.
 22 I think if you ask the citizens of California
 23 if they would rank the needs of an endangered species over
 24 the needs of people, they would choose people.
 25 Whether we want to face it or not,

1 California's population is going to increase, and reducing
2 our water supply is not going to stop growth. It is just
3 going to lower the quality of life for all of us.

4 I ask all of you in closing, the next time
5 you go to the grocery store just take a moment to think
6 about how much you and your family depend on California
7 agriculture.

8 If we don't have a balanced CALFED plan, you
9 can be certain that more and more of our food will be
10 coming from foreign lands where growers don't farm under
11 the strict regulatory standards that we uphold in
12 California.

13 Thank you for your time and consideration.

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14 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.

15 Supervisor Spitzer, Bill Holmes, Brad Fowler.

16 MR. SPITZER: Thank you very much.

17 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

18 My name is Todd Spitzer, Orange County
19 Supervisor.

20 I'm here tonight to speak on the CALFED
21 program not only as a representative of the 2.7 million
22 people of Orange County, but also as Vice-Chairman of the
23 Southern California Water Committee and, as such, a
24 spokesperson for all Southern Californians in seven
25 counties, on this very important subject and process.

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1 The original CALFED framework agreement
2 executed by State and Federal agencies stated that the
3 alternative solutions would address water quality,
4 effective planning, and operation of water export systems,
5 as well as additional protections for the Bay-Delta
6 estuary and maintenance of Delta levies and channels.

7 I believe it is important to stay the course
8 and continue to honor these goals and objectives in any
9 final CALFED plan.

10 Speaking to the specific needs of
11 Orange County, there are three main areas of concern and
12 focus: First, water supply; second, a reliable financing
13 plan, and, third, maintenance of water quality standard --
14 standards.

15 I would like to address the first, water
16 supply requirements.

17 Orange County needs a commitment that the
18 Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant will be permitted to operate
19 at 8500 C.F.S. in the first two years of stage one and
20 that Banks' permitted capacity will be at 10,300 C.F.S. by
21 the end of stage one.

22 We need a commitment that the preferred
23 alternative will result in Metropolitan receiving a
24 minimum of 650,000 acre feet, firm, dry-year yield from
25 the State Water Project by 2020.

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1 That's not asking a lot, considering this is
2 only one-third of what we are actually paying for.

3 Second, the financing plan must be identified
4 to ensure implementation of the plan.

5 Orange County needs a commitment that
6 statewide funding, including public funds and Federal
7 funding, will be provided for the environmental and
8 recreational costs of the CALFED solution.

9 Third, the water quality requirements for
10 this county. Orange County needs a commitment that CALFED
11 will insure the ability of local water providers to
12 protect public health by meeting anticipated stringent
13 regulations on disinfection byproducts and pathogens.
14 This can be achieved through water quality improvements in
15 Delta water supplies or through a cost-effective
16 combination of alternative source waters, source
17 improvement and treatment facilities.

18 We need a commitment that CALFED will deliver
19 water quality that meets 150 milligrams per liter total
20 dissolved solids.

21 In order to make recycling and ground
22 recharge economically feasible in Southern California and
23 to promote and expand existing congestive-use programs, we
24 need a commitment to establish a water quality account of
25 dedicated funds, including State and Federal funding

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1 sources, to implement water quality improvement projects
2 for salinity management and public health requirements.

3 On a regional and statewide perspective, I
4 believe that the CALFED program should include prog- --
5 programmatic findings to move forward with important and
6 needed surface storage options. CALFED should pursue
7 development of additional off-stream water storage,
8 including groundwater storage, that will allow the
9 statewide system much needed flexibility for all impacted
10 parties and concerns.

11 I support a comprehensive effort to evaluate
12 surface storage opportunities, power facility operation,
13 and the potential for conjunctive operation of these
14 varied methods of storage.

15 I would like to close with the following
16 message that hopefully will echo here and throughout the
17 State of California --

7:52P 18 MR. BODOVITZ: Supervisor, your three minutes are
19 gone.

20 If you could close --

7:53P 21 MR. SPITZER: Yes --

22 MR. BODOVITZ: -- I would appreciate it.

23 MR. SPITZER: -- on one sentence.

24 I support very -- a very strong message to
25 the Governor and our Southern California elected officials

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1 In the legislature, it's time to get in the game.
 2 Thank you very much.
 3 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.
 4 Bill Holmes, Brad Fowler, Matt Stone.
 5 MR. HOLMES: Good evening.
 6 My name is Bill Holmes, and I live in
 7 Dana Point, and I'm a member of the Sierra Club, and I've
 8 spent 12 years or so backpacking, hiking through the
 9 Sierra, over many of the trails, and can't fail to see
 10 over that time the deterioration in the environment as a
 11 result of our needs for water and for timber.
 12 The CALFED Bay-Delta draft plan is a great
 13 opportunity to restore the balance between providing high
 14 quality water and protecting the environment. However,
 15 the option you're looking at is to build 12 more dams,
 16 will not restore this balance. It will make it worse.
 17 We already have 1400 -- excuse me -- major
 18 dams in California, and when they were built, it wasn't
 19 realized the impact that these dams would have on the --
 20 the habitat, the salmon runs, the steelhead trout. We
 21 know now, and major efforts are being made to remove dams
 22 that do the most damage, while providing the least
 23 benefit, and there really is no excuse to go back to these
 24 misplaced solutions for water storage.
 25 You identified some 20 sites, underground

1 sites, that have been -- can store water at one-fifth the
 2 cost of building new dams for above-ground storage. These
 3 are the preferred storage means, not dams.
 4 We should also look at -- before we even do
 5 this, at conservation and recycling of the water, before
 6 we start storing even more water.
 7 We have been very wasteful with the water
 8 resources that we have, because it has been heavily
 9 subsidized in the past. I, therefore, ask you to no
 10 longer consider our subsidies in any of your plans, but
 11 make all projects be financed by the users just as any
 12 other utility would do.
 13 Therefore, please no dams, no subsidies, and,
 14 above all, no peripheral canal.
 15 Thank you.
 7:55P 16 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Holmes.
 17 Mr. Brad Fowler, Matt Stone, Paul Tamborrino.
 18 MR. FOWLER: Good evening.
 19 My name is Brad Fowler. I'm representing the
 20 City of Westminster and our water district tonight.
 21 We provide water for nearly 100,000 residents
 22 and thousands of businesses. We are home to Little Saigon
 23 and a diverse population primarily composed of Caucasian,
 24 Vietnamese, Hispanic, and Chinese citizens.
 25 Our population density is increasing, and we

1 expect a 30-percent population rise over the next 20
 2 years, which is not a future over which our city
 3 government has very much control.
 7:57P 4 We produce as much water as we are allowed
 5 from the local Orange County aquifer, meeting our
 6 75 percent, but we buy 25 percent.
 7 We are striving to conserve water in our
 8 city. For example, we distributed over 3,000
 9 ultra-low-flow toilets this past year. We're meeting
 10 Modoc's best management practices and planning to change
 11 our water rate from a fixed rate to a stepped rate, to
 12 encourage responsible water usage.
 13 Tonight we are asking that you carefully work
 14 to improve the drought storage capacity for our cities and
 15 our citizens, so that they are assured adequate imported
 16 water supplies when drought conditions do occur.
 17 Further, improvements in imported water
 18 quality will help us recycle our water through the
 19 Orange County Water District and the Sanitation District
 20 aquifer recharge system.
 21 Thank you for your consideration.
 7:58P 22 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Fowler.
 23 Matt Stone, Paul Tamborrino,
 24 John Chamberlain.
 25 MR. STONE: Thank you very much.

1 My name is Matt Stone, and I reside in
 2 Irvine, California. I am a native of this state and have
 3 lived in the region of both Sacramento and Silicon Valley
 4 and now in Orange County. Tonight I'm speaking as an
 5 individual citizen.
 6 Having grown up in Sacramento, I was taught
 7 that Southern California was trying to steal our water and
 8 drain the Delta. The mental picture I formed was that of
 9 a large pipe connected to a pristine river, sucking it all
 10 but dry, leaving the fish and wildlife to choke in the
 11 salty mud flats within sight of the Golden Gate Bridge.
 12 Of course, that picture isn't quite accurate.
 13 In fact, San Francisco, Oakland, the Silicon Valley, the
 14 Sacramento Valley, and the Sierra mountain regions all
 15 rely on this water provided from the Bay-Delta sources,
 16 and water diversions are not the sole threat to endangered
 17 fish, nor are endangered species the only pressing problem
 18 in the Delta. Reliability of water supplies and the
 19 safety of drinking water sources are also significant
 20 issues today.
 21 The drought of 1987 to '92 made it more clear
 22 to me that what is lacking in California is not simply
 23 water in dry years but also consistent leadership in
 24 solving water problems.
 25 In a moment of leadership five years ago, the

1 CALFED process was initiated on the premise that the
2 parties would put their individual and often irrational
3 expectations aside. The parties to the Bay-Delta accord
4 came to the realization that they each ultimately served a
5 part of the same general public interest.

6 Regulator, farmer, water user, businessmen,
7 industrialists, environmentalists would work together and
8 find sensible and balanced solutions to all of the Delta's
9 problems and get them implemented.

10 Unfortunately, that leadership has wavered,
11 and the current document reflects the gradual breakdown of
12 good faith over the last 18 months and perhaps the eminent
13 demise of the Bay-Delta accord and CALFED.

8:00P 14 Parts appear to be written with that same
15 mental picture in mind, that to build or repair anything
16 in the Delta would just result in Southern California
17 sucking it dry.

18 As currently written, this plan will do
19 nothing to secure our water supply. It may actually
20 further degrade drinking water quality.

21 The best part of all -- and I say this
22 facetiously -- is that this may cost between four and six
23 billion dollars to achieve.

24 Since the 1960s, Californians pledged several
25 billion dollars in tax and water revenues to build the

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1 State project, and they continue to pay on that pledge.
2 We now may be asked to invest billions more, only to see
3 the yield reduced and the water quality further impaired.

4 I urge you to contact the people you have
5 elected and ask them to once again show leadership. Ask
6 them to direct the regulators to find a way to better
7 balance the public's interest, which include not only a
8 healthy Delta ecosystem, but also a thriving society and
9 economy.

10 Thank you.

8:01P 11 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Stone.

12 Paul Tamborrino, John Chamberlain,

13 Irv Pickler.

14 MR. TAMBORRINO: Yes.

15 My name is Paul Tamborrino. I work for the
16 Hartwell Corporation as a special assistant for
17 environmental affairs, and this year I'm also the
18 President of the Placentia Chamber.

19 On behalf of the Chamber, I would like to
20 state our concern with the CALFED EIR and slash "S."

21 The document provides little in the way of
22 financial assurance and balance benefits to
23 Southern California.

24 We would encourage you to provide us with a
25 plan that demonstrates true benefits to

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1 Southern California.

2 Short and sweet. Thank you.

8:02P 3 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.

4 John Chamberlain, Irv Pickler.

5 And then we'll take a very short break so our
6 court reporter can get some feeling back in her fingers.

7 MR. CHAMBERLAIN: Good evening.

8 My name is John Chamberlain, and I'm
9 currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the
10 Orange County Taxpayers Association, more commonly known
11 here as O.C. Tax.

12 We, frankly, at O.C. Tax, are not water
13 experts. We're expert taxpayers.

14 Although water is largely fee based, O.C. Tax
15 recognizes that taxpayers are heavily dependent on a
16 reliable supply of water to keep our economy humming.

17 O.C. Tax understands that any solution to
18 Bay-Delta problems will require substantial investments by
19 water users and State and Federal taxpayers.

20 O.C. Tax has always urged Orange County
21 voters to pay their fair share of the cost of water
22 programs. For example, O.C. Tax supported Proposition 204
23 in 1996, and we were featured as an endorser of the
24 measure in statewide campaign literature.

25 Orange County's taxpayers, water districts,

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1 and water users have made and will continue to make
2 investment in local resources, including conservation,
3 recycling, groundwater cleanup and storage, and water
4 transfers, to reduce our dependence on imported water. I
5 am unaware that water users and taxpayers of any other
6 county in this state have done as much as Orange County.

7 In addition to these measures, Orange County
8 must have a more reliable supply of high quality water
9 from the Bay-Delta.

10 O.C. Tax has supported the CALFED Bay-Delta
11 program, because we believe it would guarantee, as we've
12 noticed today a question and a word that is an issue for
13 the public. "Guarantee" is that an assurance that won't
14 be changed or a commitment that won't be changed, or is a
15 guarantee changeable inter-commitment?

16 We want a firm commitment, guarantee
17 assurance of the quality of water that is the highest
18 possible, an increased supply, and reliability at
19 affordable cost, and identify the financing mechanisms by
20 which these guarantees, commitments, assurances go into
21 place.

22 We are concerned that the EIS and the EIR
23 appear to waffle on these so-called guarantees,
24 assurances, or commitments.

25 Our continuing support, that is the support

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1 of O.C. Tax, will require there is some firm, whatever you
2 want to call it, of a specific supply, a specific quality,
3 and specific financing implementing tools in the CALFED
4 plan.

5 Thank you very much.

8:04P 6 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Chamberlain.
7 Irv Pickler.

8 MR. PICKLER: Thank you, lady, gentlemen.

9 My name is Irv Pickler, and I am the
10 President on the Board for the Directors of the
11 Orange County Water District and also represent Anaheim on
12 that board.

13 We provide water to 2.2 million residents in
14 Orange County.

15 I am speaking tonight on behalf of the entire
16 Board of Directors of the Orange County water District.

17 A reliable supply of high quality
18 State Water Project water with total T.D.S. of less than
19 150 milligrams per liter is critical for functioning of
20 the Santa Ana River watershed, which supports the
21 population of more than 4.4 million people in
22 Southern California.

8:05P 23 This low T.D.S. water is required for the
24 extensive water-use programs Orange County is pioneering
25 and for blending with Colorado and Santa Ana River water

1 to prevent long-term salinity buildup in the watershed.

2 The Orange County Water District manages the
3 groundwater basins that underlines -- underlies most of
4 the north, central Orange County. Water agencies, cities,
5 and the millions of people of Orange County have already
6 taken the initiative to reduce our demand on imported
7 water sources through extensive conservation and water
8 reuse programs.

9 Due to projected growth, Orange County's
10 future population and business will rely on an increase of
11 quantities of reliable State Project Water. Orange County
12 water users have paid for and plan to fund water
13 facilities with hundreds of millions of dollars.

14 These vital facilities cannot operate
15 efficiently, if at all, without increasing
16 State Water Project deliveries, decreasing the salt,
17 salinity of those flows, and improving the organic quality
18 of those flows.

19 Orange County's population will increase by
20 approximately 30 percent by the year 2020. If nothing is
21 done, we project the water short -- shortage of more than
22 150,000 acre feet per year.

23 Like other Orange County water agency --
24 agencies, Orange County Water District is a leader in
25 water reuse. Its leadership dates back to the mid-1970s,

1 when Orange County Water District's water factory 21 was
2 put online; following later by the Green Acres Project,
3 which provides reclaimed water for landscaping,
4 irrigation, industry use, and now Orange County water
5 District and Sanitation District -- District proposing a
6 new visionary water purification project called the
7 Groundwater Replenishment System, that will provide an
8 additional hundred thousand acre feet per year of new
9 purified water.

10 I'm getting close, and I think maybe I'd
11 better skip to the last sentence. There's so many other
12 things that I would like to say, but I don't have the
13 time.

14 The Orange County water -- now water basin is
15 recharged with a combination of Santa Ana River flows,
16 which in the summer is predominantly highly-treated
17 wastewater from sanitation facilities in San Bernardino
18 and Riverside Counties, augmented by imported water from
19 the State Water Project and the Colorado River.

20 The water received from the upper Santa Ana
21 watershed has been used once and, in some cases, three
22 times before it is sent to Orange County where it must be
23 of sufficient quality to be cost-effective, purified, and
24 reused.

8:07P 25 MR. BODOVITZ: Mr. Pickler, I'm --

1 MR. PICKLER: I'm --

2 MR. BODOVITZ: -- sorry. Your --

3 MR. PICKLER: I'm --

4 MR. BODOVITZ: -- time --

5 MR. PICKLER: -- all done. I just say I hope some
6 day someone will say that the humans also are an
7 endangered species. That may be something we ought to
8 think about, too.

9 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.

10 There are many, many more of you that we want
11 to hear from, but we'll take a ten-minute break. We'll
12 start again at 8:20 sharp.

8:09P 13 (A break was taken from

14 8:09 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.)

15 MR. BODOVITZ: Okay. If you'd end the
16 conversations at the back, please, so we can hear the next
17 speakers, we'll resume our hearing.

18 As you may have noted, everyone's trying to
19 cover a lot of ground in three minutes, and if you're
20 reading from a piece of paper, it would be very helpful if
21 you'd leave that with the court reporter, so she can be
22 sure to accurately get down what it is you've said,
23 particularly the people who are able to speak with great
24 speed. It makes it tough for her to follow.

25 Our first speaker will be Barbara Buck,

1 followed by Bob Hansen, followed by Lou Fawley.
 2 MS. BUCK: Good evening.
 3 My name is Barbara Buck. I'm a business
 4 owner in Lake Forest, California, here in Orange County,
 5 and I'm here to express my strong dissatisfaction with the
 6 CALFED documents.

7 In the next 20 years we estimate more than
 8 15 million people will be added to California's
 9 population, and we must have more water storage
 10 facilities, more conveyance facilities, and a stronger
 11 levy system in California to meet the needs of the people
 12 that are going to be here. We must have a reliable,
 13 adequate, and dependable supply for both cities and farms
 14 in the State, for stability in the future, for economic
 15 stability, for security for our populations, and for
 16 continued supply of food and fiber.

17 We've seen a 20-year negligent and decline in
 18 our water system here in California. We must invest more
 19 money to build more facilities, and I believe this was
 20 neglected in the documents.

21 The documents take too much farmland out of
 22 production. California is so unique in the world for its
 23 climate and its soil. The loss of farmland here is
 24 irretrievable.

25 The production of food and fiber is an

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1 important issue in the world and in California, and
 2 California is the number-one producer of food and fiber, I
 3 believe, in the world, and it's important to our world,
 4 our state, and to Orange County.

5 The documents make it clear that there would
 6 be less water and less farmland. The documents threaten
 7 that we would have a future where we would focus on
 8 conservation, reallocation, and deprivation. This won't
 9 do.

10 CALFED must increase the reliability of water
 11 rights so that people can know, and farmers can know, what
 12 they can depend on, as far as water supplies.

8:22P 13 For habitat restoration, I urge the use of
 14 incentives, not threats, for voluntary restoration of
 15 wildlife habitat.

16 I understand that -- the focus on fish and
 17 wildlife, but I would say "Remember the people."

18 So to summary, with the growth in California,
 19 we need more water, through storage, conveyance, and a
 20 stronger levy system. We need to leave farmland in
 21 production, because we have a unique climate, and we have
 22 a great need for food and fiber. We need to use
 23 incentives -- incentives, not threats or retributions
 24 for voluntary habitat restoration, and we need to place
 25 people, rural and city people, before fish.

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1 Thank you.

2 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Ms. Buck.

3 Bob Hansen, Lou Fawley, Roger Kintz.

8:24P 4 MR. HANSEN: Good evening. Good evening.

5 I'm Bob Hansen, and I am here tonight
 6 representing Cal Trout, and I'm going to be very brief.

7 I looked over the phase two report, and I
 8 think there's a lot of good tools in it for water
 9 management. The one issue that I would like to focus on,
 10 though, is that I would like to see no new dams on
 11 free-flowing rivers and streams or -- or the raising of
 12 any dams on free-flowing rivers and streams.

13 In America today, dams are going down, not
 14 up. Groundwater storage is a far more efficient
 15 alternative to dams, much less harmful to the environment
 16 and far less expensive, as well. California has already
 17 developed enough water supply for the foreseeable future,
 18 and since an enormous amount of water is wasted in
 19 California, we should be thinking more of conservation and
 20 not new dams.

21 Thank you very much.

8:25P 22 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Hansen.

23 Lou Fawley, Roger Kintz, Rudy Vietmeier.

24 MS. FAWLEY: I'm Lou Fawley, a member and past
 25 president of the Deep Creek Fly Fishing Club, which is a

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1 member of the national organization Federation of
 2 Fly Fishers.

3 We believe that better solutions are
 4 available than the current CALFED phase two alternatives.
 5 We want more water provided for the restoration of the
 6 threatened fisheries and damaged watershed, without
 7 building new dams. We want more reliance on water
 8 conservation, to augment water supply and more reliance on
 9 groundwater storage.

10 We do not want a peripheral canal to solve
 11 water quality problems -- problems. We want water quality
 12 problems solved at their source.

13 Thank you.

8:26P 14 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.

15 Roger -- Roger Kintz, Rudy Vietmeier,
 16 Allen Beek.

17 MR. KINTZ: Good evening.

18 My name is Roger Kintz. I'm a private
 19 citizen and a white water river guide from Los Angeles,
 20 California, and I wanted to make several comments tonight.

21 First of all, I want to express my
 22 appreciation about CALFED's ambitious attempt to achieve
 23 comprehensive watershed management and would like to also
 24 tell you that my family originally came from the
 25 Sacramento and, actually, San Francisco Bay-Delta area and

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1 used to crab fish years on the weekends, and I have a fond
2 appreciation of that environmental system.

3 I want to address three main issues: Water
4 conservation, dams, and off-stream storage.

5 In the area of water conservation, I feel
6 that the report needs to address greater efficiency
7 efforts. Although Southern California is a leader in
8 water conservation, we need to look at creating regionally
9 specific measurable results for water conservation.

10 In the area of agriculture, I think we should
11 increase water conservation targets by creating more
12 partnership agreements with academic institutions that
13 have a focus on sustainable agricultural and sustainable
14 agricultural solutions.

15 In metropolitan areas, there should be
16 greater emphasis on greater water recycling, with current
17 technology that is much more cost effective than in the
18 past.

19 Local government should encourage residents
20 and businesses, such as golf courses, to reuse gray water.

21 Increasing groundwater recharge of urban
22 rivers is also another solution, by allowing natural
23 bottom channels, rather than concrete channels.

24 CALFED needs to have greater enforcement
25 capability in the area of water conservation.

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1 In the area of dams, dams are an archaic
2 approach to solving the problem. It's a short-term
3 solution, at best, to a long-term problem.

8:27P 4 And particularly off-stream dams block
5 smaller creeks and streams and reduce freshwater flows
6 that support endangered species of spring schnook salmon
7 and steelheads.

8 Particularly, the -- the project, such as the
9 Shasta Dam Reservoir enlargement, that drowns
10 McCloud River; also, the -- the Friant and Millerton Dam
11 produces little additional water, while damaging habitat.

12 Off-stream water storage floods valuable
13 habitat for -- for endangered species and causes the same
14 problems as on-stream reservoirs.

15 Projects such as the Calista Off-Stream
16 Storage Project and Montgomery Off-Stream Storage Project
17 floods valuable vernal pools and habitats and, in
18 particular, reduces the flow of the Sacramento River by
19 over 67 percent. I -- also, the Red Dream -- Red Bank
20 Stream Offshore Storage Project diverts water from the
21 South Fork Cottonwood Creek.

22 I feel that there should be much more
23 emphasis on groundwater recharge, less emphasis on
24 off-stream storage, because basically you're flooding
25 endangered habitats, and you're limiting the flow of small

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1 creeks and rivers.

8:29P 2 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Kintz.

3 Rudy Vietmeier, Allan Beek, Wayne McMurray.

4 MR. VIETMEIER: Good evening.

5 My name is Rudy Vietmeier. I'm a member of
6 Lakewood, California, and a member of the Sierra Club.

7 I'm reminded of a slogan the
8 Mono Lake Committee used to use that said, "Policy before
9 plumbing," and if we do that, our policy should be
10 conservation, and by conservation, we wouldn't need the
11 plumbing that you're talking about. We wouldn't need
12 these dinosaurs that you call dams, because these are
13 recognized as detrimental to the environment.

14 The Bureau of Reclamation has acknowledged
15 the mistakes in building these dams, so we could get along
16 without that, if we would use conservation, and
17 conservation will work if it's priced to work.

8:30P 18 We should have a tiered system for using
19 water. Water that people need to get by on should be at
20 the current rate, but the water that we waste should be at
21 an exorbitant rate.

22 As I go home, tomorrow I'll notice water
23 running down the street, as people water their lawns and
24 as golf courses, which we never seem to tire of, waste
25 this water watering grass.

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1 If this water cost as much as fine California
2 wine, we wouldn't have it running down the streets. We
3 wouldn't be watering golf courses with it, and we wouldn't
4 be watching it running down the rivers and polluting our
5 beaches, like we notice in Huntington Beach today.

6 That water that's polluted the beaches is
7 probably runoff water, wasted water.

8 Southern California is legendary for wasting
9 water.

10 Someone from the farm community here
11 mentioned how water is used to grow food.

12 Well, we get something from that water. We
13 get nothing from the water we waste in
14 Southern California. What we do with it is pollute the
15 beaches and waste the precious resource.

16 It's hard to believe the water is a precious
17 re- -- resource, when you see the way it's priced. People
18 who use water wisely pay the same amount as people who
19 waste it. This should change. We should have a tiered
20 pricing system, and this wasting of water would end.

21 We could look back to the days of the oil
22 embargo and what conservation did there. When the price
23 of oil got to the point where it was required, it was
24 conserved. In fact, it was conserved to the extent that
25 power companies needed to cancel building power projects,

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1 because it wasn't needed. People learned conservation,
2 and they did it, and now the price is down, and we're back
3 to our old habits, so price can ensure conservation.

4 Thank you.

8:32P 5 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Vietmeier.

6 Allen Beek. Allen Beek, Wayne McMurray,
7 Frank Selby.

8 MR. BEEK: Good evening.

9 My name is Allen Beek, from Newport Beach,
10 and I'm here speaking on behalf of the vast forces of
11 suspicion and paranoia.

12 You have done the very good engineering work.
13 You have envisioned a set of infrastructure which
14 obviously has great power to do good, by the same token,
15 it has great power to do evil, and the question is: Who
16 is going to be making the decisions, and who is going to
17 be running the system?

18 Well, we don't have to look far to see the
19 answer to that. We just need to look at history, that,
20 for 30 years now, the cities and the citizens of
21 California have been subsidizing the California water
22 system, and its surplus, quote, water has been made
23 available to agriculture at a very low rate, because it
24 was supposedly an interruptible supply and, when there was
25 a shortage, agriculture could be cut off.

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1 When the actual crunch came and somebody had
2 to give, it wasn't agriculture. It was the cities that
3 were rationed. Agriculture came first.

4 They should be paying the full price, but
5 they had control of the system, and it's pretty evident to
6 all of us that it's the Daniel Archers of the -- of the
7 system, the big anchor businesses that make the campaign
8 contributions and control the politicians, and the
9 politicians select the, quote, citizen, unquote,
10 representatives on the boards, and agribusiness is in
11 control.

12 That is why we are suspicious, and that is
13 why we are afraid that the powerful system will be used
14 for evil, not for good.

15 We have heard both business and agriculture
16 speak this evening, in terms of wanting a guaranteed
17 supply of water, and you know what that means. That means
18 that, when the crunch comes, they will get their supply,
19 and the Delta will get the saltwater from the ocean.

8:35P 20 That's because fish don't make campaign contributions.

21 My own representatives from Orange County
22 here have spoken of Orange County's need for a guaranteed
23 supply of water. I would respond that Orange County
24 should be guaranteed the water we've taken to maintain its
25 population 30 years ago, when the California water

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1 programs started, but since then, Orange County has gone
2 on a binge of growth, the purpose of which is to enrich
3 the people who pay the campaign contributions of the
4 supervisors, and we now have a head -- hangover, and that
5 hangover is our problem, not yours.

6 I don't think we have any guarantee or any
7 call on that water.

8 Finally, since the orange light has gone on,
9 I'd like to switch from negative to positive comments.

10 First, I'd like to compliment Mr. Bodovitz on
11 the firmness and the fairness in which he's conducted the
12 hearing, and, secondly, I'd like to say there is a
13 solution, but it's not within your scope, because it's not
14 within the Delta; that our infrastructure in dams and
15 pipelines and canals is impressive, but there is a more
16 impressive infrastructure in Southern California which
17 dwarfs that one, and that is the system of flood control
18 channels with which we take all the freshwater that we get
19 and dump it as quickly as we can into the ocean. Let's
20 use that.

8:36P 21 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Beek.

22 Wayne McMurray, Frank Selby, Nick DiCroce.

23 MR. McMURRAY: Good evening.

24 I am Wayne McMurray. I serve as the
25 President of the Board of Directors for

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1 Coastal Municipal Water District. I'm also one of
2 Coastal's two representatives on the
3 Metropolitan Water District Board.

4 Coastal is one of the 27 member agencies of
5 the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.
6 Our district is responsible for providing a reliable
7 supply of high quality, imported water to the south
8 coastal area of Orange County, including the cities of
9 San Clemente, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, and
10 portions of Irvine and Costa Mesa.

11 At the outset, I want to commend you for
12 making the most of the environmental review process,
13 particularly for taking the time to receive local input
14 from the CALFED program, from those of us here in
15 Orange County.

16 I also want to compliment you on the
17 confidence -- comprehensive environmental review documents
18 which you have made available.

19 However, I address you tonight because
20 Coastal has several significant concerns with CALFED
21 environmental documents.

22 The area Coastal service is home to some of
23 California's most beautiful beaches and coastal
24 communities. Excuse me. We have limited local water
25 supplies in the coastal area. We have none -- done more

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1 than most to invest in reclamation and conservation
2 programs, to stretch our supplies.

3 It is a fact that millions of people visit
4 our area every year. These visitors, together with the
5 business people who work in the coastal areas and the
6 families that live there, depend on the continued
7 availability of imported water supplies.

8 Consequently, we, together with others in the
9 states, have invested significantly to construct and
10 maintain a reliable imported water supply system.

11 One part of the imported water system, the
12 Bay-Delta, has been broken for a long time. We are
13 concerned that the CALFED program described in your
14 environmental -- mental -- environmental documents does
15 little to fix the Bay-Delta.

16 We, in Orange County, believe that, in order
17 to deliver the water and the water quality to the public,
18 the following commitments must be included in the CALFED
19 plan and in the environmental documents prior to the
20 record of decision:

21 We need CALFED's commitment to meet
22 Orange County's water supply requirements.

23 We need assurance that CALFED will deliver
24 drinking water quality that meets all future Federal and
25 State regulations for health protection.

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1 We need assurance that CALFED will deliver
2 water quality that meets 150 milligrams per liter total
3 dissolved solids in order to consider -- to continue to
4 enhance recycling in Coastal's service area.

5 We need assurance that the
6 Banks Pumping Plant will be permitted to operate at
7 8500 C.F.S. in the first two years, stage one, and the
8 permitted capacity will be 10,300 C.F.S. by the end of
9 stage one.

10 We need assurance that the preferred
11 alternative will result in Metropolitan receiving a
12 minimum of 650 (sic) acre feet of firm, dry-year yield a
13 hold from the State Water Project by 2020.

14 We need a CALFED commitment that statewide
15 funding, including public funds and Federal funds, will be
16 provided for the environmental and recreational costs of
17 the CAL -- of the CALFED solution.

8:39P 18 MR. BODOVITZ: Mr. McMurray, I'm sorry to stop you,
19 but the three minutes are gone.

20 MR. McMURRAY: Okay. Thank you.

21 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, sir.

22 Frank Selby, Mick DiCroce, and Don May.

23 MR. SELBY: My name is Frank Selby, and I'm wearing
24 three hats tonight.

25 I'm, first of all, the F.F.F., vice-president

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1 of the Federation of Fly Fishing. Also, I am a member of
2 the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve. Third, I'm a
3 businessman in Orange County, and I'm one of the ones that
4 used to use a lot of water in electronics, but, number
8:40P 5 one, I'm 100 percent against the dams.

6 I think underwater storage is much better.
7 We lose over 24 percent of our water in open water
8 storage. Nobody's even mentioned that to us.

9 Am I not right, or is it more?

10 You don't know.

11 MR. BODOVITZ: No, we're not going to be able to
12 answer --

13 MR. SELBY: Okay.

14 MR. BODOVITZ: -- questions.

15 MR. SELBY: Okay.

16 MR. BODOVITZ: Go ahead and make your statements --

17 MR. SELBY: But --

18 MR. BODOVITZ: -- sir.

19 MR. SELBY: -- with underwater storage, we have
20 more water, more water for the farmers, more water for the
21 streams. I'm 100 percent against more dams.

22 That's all. Thank you.

23 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Selby.

24 Nick DiCroce, Don May -- and I hope I am
25 reading this right -- Blanca Lozoya.

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1 MR. DICROCE: My name is Mick DiCroce, and I'm a
2 member of the Board of Governors of California Trout.

3 Tonight, as I listened to the comments, I
4 think mainly you're hearing two opposing threads or two
5 opposing view points predominantly. I'm going to change
6 the pace for you a little bit and cover a subject I don't
7 think has been covered.

8:41P 8 I have spent all of my working life in
9 corporate America, and I view my conservation advocacy
10 work from the point of view of good economics, strong
11 financial cost justifications, and a fair return on
12 investment.

13 My organization's main interest in CALFED is
14 in your eco- -- ecosystem restoration program. It is the
15 most extensively planned restoration program we have ever
16 reviewed, and we are encouraged by the good intentions and
17 the possibility of this aspect of the CALFED program.

18 We view the ecosystem restoration program as
19 an opportunity to restore a healthy balance between
20 ecology and good economics for future generations of
21 Californians.

22 Here's what we mean by "good economics":

23 The future condition of California's river
24 systems will influence the continued growth of the State's
25 major industry, which is recreation and tourism.

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1 Now, at 60 billion dollars and growing, the
2 effect that improved rivers, improved estuaries, improved
3 wildlife and beaches and their surrounding habitats can
4 have on that industry far exceeds the level of investment
5 that is contemplated in the current CALFED ecosystem
6 restoration program.

7 When viewed from a business point of view and
8 considering California lifestyle trends, investments in
9 ecosystem restoration actions will provide the highest
10 return on investment among all the CALFED alternatives.

11 Actions that improve the State's environment
12 and contribute to the State's major growth industry are
13 better investments than planning for large structures,
14 such as dams and reservoirs, which will only further
15 damage the State's environment and exacerbate the very
16 issues that CALFED was set up to solve.

17 Our organization works under the assumption
18 that public agencies must be stewards of the public trust
19 doctrine, and we know that good ecology equates with good
20 economics.

21 We will do everything we can to support the
22 actions described in your ecosystem restoration program,
23 so long as they do not require additional dams and
24 reservoirs throughout the State of California.

25 Thank you.

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8:43P 1 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.
2 Don May, Blanca Lozoya, A.G. Kawamura.
3 MR. MAY: Thank you, gentleman.
4 I think that it might be well, at this point,
5 to take a look back on a little bit of history.

6 In the last 20 years, or about 20 years ago,
7 California Earth Corps lineal precedent was a group called
8 Friends of the Earth, Southern California Group, and our
9 board was amongst the eight folks left opposing the
10 peripheral canal back when Jerry Brown signed it into law,
11 and we collected our half, a little over half a million
12 signatures in 45 days, and paid circulators got the other
13 half, got a little over a million signatures to put it on
14 the ballot.

15 We also -- our current Board of Directors
16 were the majority on the executive committee that ran the
17 "No on 14" campaign, and I can tell you that, since that
18 time, opposition to a peripheral canal has substantially
19 grown in Southern California, and it's a lot more
20 unpopular today than it was then, and for good -- for good
21 reason.

22 If you look at the things that you've heard
23 today from N.W.D. directors, that was pretty much what
24 they said 20 years ago, that California would dry up and
25 blow away by the year 2,000; that we could never -- would

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1 curtail growth; that water quality would go down, prices
2 would go up, and so forth.

3 Well, that's not what happened. Growth
4 continued. Water quality has substantially improved in
5 virtually every city. In fact, as the amount of water
6 trans- -- transported over the Tehachapis has slightly
7 decreased, water quality to the -- delivered to the
8 citizens has increased, so I would extrapolate from that
9 and say, "Certainly if you can decrease shipments out of
10 the Delta, we can expect lower prices and better water
11 quality in Southern California cities at no cost to
12 growth."

8:45P 13 I would also point out that the 27 to
14 29 billion dollars the peripheral canal was going to cost,
15 that amounts to about four billion dollars a year. You
16 could pay for the entire CALFED program on what taxpayers
17 have saved every single year in those 20 years since, and,
18 in fact -- well, it has -- it has been an incredibly good
19 thing, and I think all taxpayers should look very long at
20 what that's -- what that's been.

21 There have been huge changes. We find now
22 that even Long Beach, who fought groundwater recharge from
23 wastewater, reclaimed wastewater, now is a strong
24 advocate, and, in fact, we're looking at being able to
25 live within a sustainable county in Los Angeles County,

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1 living on our runoff.

2 One final thing about seismicity, certainly
3 dams are the most vulnerable, with the exception, of
4 course, of nuclear power plants.

5 Should we have a dam -- a -- a seismic event
6 of a level which would threaten the Delta, we could kiss
7 off Southern California from -- from a loss at San Onofre.
8 Thank you very much.

8:46P 9 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. May.
10 Blanca Lozoya, A.G. Kawamura,
11 Denise Flanagan.

12 MS. LOZOYA: Good evening.

13 My name is Blanca Lozoya. I have worked for
14 the last 20 years in the fresh produce business. I am a
15 human resource -- resource director and administrative
16 manager for Orange County Produce, a grower and a shipper
17 of celery, strawberries, green beans, and other
18 vegetables.

19 As a human resource director, I am
20 responsible for the training and communication for all our
21 employees. We employ over 200 employees on a year-round
22 basis. Our employees are skilled, agricultural workers
23 with many, many years of experience.

24 Because of our Southern California climate,
25 we are able to grow and harvest crops throughout the year.

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1 Our regular employees do not need to follow
2 the harvest from region to region. As a result, we have
3 many long-time employees that have made their homes and
4 raised their families here in Orange County.

5 I used to work for a company that grew
6 oranges and asparagus here in the County. The high cost
7 of water and land have made these items too expensive to
8 grow competitively. That company almost went out of
9 business and left Orange -- Orange County.

10 Our own company used to grow sweet white corn
11 and cabbage just five years ago. These vegetables are
12 also not competitive in the open market, and we stopped
13 growing them.

8:48P 14 I am concerned that the CALFED project will
15 not adequately address our needs for a reliable and
16 affordable supply of water. Without the reliable supply
17 or with water that has come too expensive, it will be
18 economically disastrous to continue growing the remaining
19 crops now produced in the County, including strawberries.

20 We -- we will be forced to move -- move or
21 quit. The -- the lives and families of so many depend on
22 responsible actions for the future.

23 I believe agriculture is valuable resource
24 and an asset to our community. We have provided jobs and
25 nutritious food for several generations here in

1 Southern California.

2 I hope the CALFED Bay-Delta program will
3 create an abundant, reliable, and affordable supply of
4 water for all California.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Ms. Lozoya.

8:49P 7 A.G. Kawamura, Denise Flanagan, Art Gorbaty.

8 MR. KAWAMURA: Good evening, gentlemen.

9 My name is A.G. Kawamura. I'm a third
10 generation grower here in Orange County. I'm also a
11 member on the State Board of Food and Agriculture.

12 Today I would like to address you as a
13 farmer, and one of the things I'd like to say is not
14 another repeat of some of the things we've heard earlier,
15 but I thought I'd like to go back a little bit and give
16 you an analogy and then an extension of that analogy.

17 I grow crops in my field. We plant green
18 beans, for example, and in every field I plant, there's
19 always, on the edges of those fields, some plants that
20 don't receive the full benefit of the care I'm willing to
21 give, fertilizer, water, different kinds of care, and as
22 those plants mature, when it comes time to harvest, those
23 plants that are on the margin never receive the full
24 benefit and never thrive and never reach their full
25 potential as adults.

1 The analogy I'd like to extend to you is:
2 How could children be any different?

3 A child that eats a doughnut and drinks a
4 Coke every day has a pretty lousy fertilizer program, but,
5 nevertheless, we're raising a generation of children that
6 have very poor nutrition and, as a result, may not reach
7 their full potential as human beings.

8 Aggressive behavior, attention deficit
9 syndrome, some of these other problems, these could all be
10 tracked -- traced back to probably nutritional
11 deficiencies.

12 Now how does that involve water?

13 I'd like to try and say that domestic food
14 security, a by -- a buzz word that we hear a lot these
15 days, relies upon water security. Where we have water
16 insecurity, we will be faced with domestic food
17 insecurity, and that's a very simple precept, a very
18 simple concept that I think sometimes we get -- we forget,
19 as we sit and talk about the different things that drive.

20 Why we -- would we possibly want to create an
21 abundant source of water?

22 As I understand it, and as I would look at
23 it, we -- several people said, "Let's go look at history."

24 I think we do look at history. Let's look a
25 little further back in history than the last century.

1 Let's look throughout the history of civilization, and
2 I -- I do believe that one of the underlying foundations
3 of any successful civilization is the continued
4 development of the sustainable infrastructure for that
5 civilization, and I would -- I would suggest, to your
6 committee, that we recognize that this investment, at this
7 time, for the future, is -- is so very important for
8 feeding the rest -- not only this country; the rest of the
9 world.

10 California is one of those unique areas
11 agriculturally that just you can't find and just cannot
12 suddenly create out of nowhere, and so that's that
13 annoying thesis of water insecurity leads to domestic food
14 insecurity, and I'd like to leave that with you.

15 Thank you.

8:51P 16 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Kawamura.

17 Denise Flanagan, Art Gorbaty, Al White.

18 MS. FLANAGAN: Good evening.

19 My name is Denise Flanagan, and my first
20 comment is obviously one that's obvious to everybody in
21 this room.

22 We live in an arid or semi-arid region. Most
8:52P 23 of California is either arid or semi-arid. Everyone here
24 in this room knows that, but I think you would be
25 surprised how many people outside of this room do not, and

1 I think that the way that your plan is currently written
2 encourages them to continue to believe that what we are
3 dealing with here is an infinite resource, and it is not.

4 I probably should have written this down
5 before I came up, but one of the other things that I was
6 noticing as I was watching your film this evening,
7 scientists have a tendency to believe that they can solve
8 everything. The -- the plans that they were saying that
9 they were running through, to see how things might turn
10 out, those, obviously, are not foolproof. Nature doesn't
11 follow the dictates of what we say they will in a computer
12 program.

13 And the other thing I would say is, because
14 people don't realize that what they're dealing with is a
15 finite resource, they do waste it. I do agree with many
16 of the people here tonight that they should have a tiered
17 cost program for water, so that, when people are leaving
18 their sink on, they are thinking about their pocketbook,
19 rather than just, "Oh, fish." A lot of people don't think
20 that way.

21 So I am against all of the dams. I am
22 against the canal, and I would encourage you to invest
23 some of the money, that you would be putting toward those,
24 toward consumer awareness and promoting conservation
25 within the homes, within the community.

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1 Many people still have grass, which is,
2 obviously, a very water-thirsty plant, covering their
3 lawns. It makes sense on the East Coast. It does not
4 make sense in California.

5 We've got golf courses covering large
6 expanses. Those people also need to be paying a higher
7 premium for their water, because it is a precious
8 resource.

9 Thank you.

8:55P 10 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Ms. Flanagan.

11 Let -- let me remind everyone again, if you
12 wish to speak and haven't yet filled out one of these
13 yellow cards, please do so.

14 Art Gorbaty, Al White, Paul Mural.

15 MR. GORBATY: Yeah. I'm Art Gorbaty here. I'm an
16 interested individual.

17 Many more species besides fish are considered
18 endangered. CALFED should start early to move these
19 species -- I'm not talking about fish. I'm talking about
20 other things -- to environmentally sound locations to
21 prevent costly construction delays as in the past, and
22 whether -- whether the construction be for conduits or
23 underground storage or reservoirs.

24 This effort is something that we could do now
25 and should be done now, during the planning stages.

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1 That's it. Thank you.

8:56P 2 MR. BODOVITZ: Mr. Gorbaty.

3 Al White, Paul Mural, Jim Blomquist.

4 MR. WHITE: No peripheral canal. No new dams.

5 Good evening.

6 My name is Al White. I'm a resident of the
7 City of San Clemente, as an active member of the
8 Sierra Club and Green Party of Orange County. I would
9 also like to stand for all living species here in
10 California, not just humans.

11 Oh, someone came up a few years ago with a
12 wonderful analogy. If a jet airliner loses a screw out of
13 its skin and pops a rivet, it probably won't matter. In
14 fact, it probably could lose two or three and not matter,
15 but if it were to continue, if this were to continue, at
16 some point the jet liner would crash.

17 I think there is a wonderful lesson there for
18 us, as human beings.

8:57P 19 What I'm saying is that all species are
20 important, and species need their natural habitat, and
21 that includes water, so I would like the CALFED plan -- I
22 would like to -- I would like conservation elements in the
23 CALFED plan maximized.

24 Back to dams, CALFED should not consider any
25 new dams, canals, or reservoirs. Dams are generally most

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1 expensive and most environmentally damaging, and taxpayers
2 should not subsidize these options.

3 As a resident of San Clemente, I live in what
4 I consider not only the best beach town in Orange County,
5 but one of the greatest little cities in the State, and we
6 have a great problem with loss of sand, as do many beach
7 communities here in Southern California. Part of the
8 reason for this is because dams prevent sand from washing
9 down rivers into the ocean and back up onto our beaches.
10 This is an increasing problem. We almost had to import
11 sand this year to -- to maintain our beaches, so please no
12 new dams.

13 Thank you.

8:58P 14 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. White.

15 Paul Mural, Jim Blomquist, Charlie Buck.

16 MR. MURAL: Thank you for having me here.

17 I'm Paul Mural, and I'm a second generation
18 farmer here in Orange County.

19 I think sometimes we have to go back in
20 history and realize what Orange County is. Orange County,
21 back prior to Prado Dam, before Prado Dam was built, had
22 severe flooding. Always the Santa Ana River would
23 overflow its banks, and when Prado Dam was built in the
24 '40s, to contain the Santa Ana River, the river was
25 contained back in its original course, and it's really

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1 made Orange County.

2 The engineers say that even Prado Dam is not
3 large enough to handle any huge amount of rainfall, like
4 they call it a hundred-year storm. If there's a
5 hundred-year storm, Prado Dam would not be able to handle
6 the amount of runoff that's generated, and we could have
7 some severe flooding in -- in Orange County, so I don't
8 think all dams are bad. Building of Prado Dam might --
9 might help make Orange County a better community to live
10 in.

11 Going back in history again, when Prado Dam
12 was built, the Orange County is considered an alluvial
13 plane, and the farmers had come in and developed this
14 ground for farming, and along with the water -- the
15 farming, there was an abundance of water.

16 Well, here we are, 50 years later, and all
17 this farmland has been paved over and has houses and
18 buildings built on it, and the water, I'm sure, is
19 probably pretty close to the same amount of water, but,
20 with all of the urbanization moving in, water has become a
21 very valuable commodity.

22 In agriculture, we're certainly a lot smaller
23 now than we were back 50 years ago, but the water we -- we
24 buy from the Water Districts is very expensive, and most
25 farmers use very conservation type of service to conserve

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1 the amount of water that they use, because it is such a
2 precious commodity, so -- and, also, nurseries are
3 implementing water reclamation uses, too.

4 So agriculture is very viable. It is a very
5 good quality of life. We produce vegetables, fruits,
6 fiber, household plants, and this all adds to the quality
7 of life, and I would like to suggest that agricultural get
8 their fair share of water.

9:00P 9 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Mural.

9:01P 10 Jim Blomquist, Charlie Buck, Al Sattler.

11 MR. BLOMQUIST: Good evening.

12 I'm Jim Blomquist of Los Angeles.

13 I have a two quick observations I'd like to
14 make. First was that I'm reminded here this evening how
15 many individual citizens are really on the M.W.D. board.

16 I also found that saber rattling in
17 Orange County seems to be more popular than rap music.

18 I would like to make comments on the
19 procedure of this hearing, first.

20 I've been to hundreds of public hearings, and
21 I found that two things that happened at the start of this
22 hearing were very intimidating, I think, to the average
23 citizen testifying, and I urge you to change them.

24 First, the video is very one-sided. There's
25 no discussion of the various points of view around the

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1 issues. It was very much a "CALFED has the answer," and
2 "The CALFED preferred alternative is the plan," and really
3 that's not what a taxpayer-paid video should be. It
4 really should be saying "Here are the subjects that we are
5 discussing at a hearing. Here's what the CALFED process
6 is all about. Here are" -- "is an opportunity for you to
7 tell us your views about the different issues which we are
8 considering."

9 Secondly, the question-and-answer session, I
10 think, was very poor. In particular, it allowed an
11 exchange between a Farm Bureau representative and a CALFED
12 staff person, which challenged the veracity of
13 California Trout. Now what that does is it basically
14 tells anyone else, who's not an issue on the issue,
15 sitting in the audience, that CALFED is here, and CALFED
16 is ready to call you on the carpet, if you're wrong, and I
17 don't think that's what CALFED employees or CALFED or this
18 process should do.

19 The Cal Trout letter is their statement. It
20 is not right or wrong. It is their statement.

9:02P 21 I think that this kind of procedure leads to
22 people to believe that the process should just be done by
23 experts, but what I have seen is that the process run by
24 experts for 60 years, using other people's money, has led
25 to the destruction of California's environment.

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1 I think, instead, we should turn to a
2 different sort of proposal, a different one than certainly
3 is your preferred alternative, and we should follow four
4 principals.

5 First, we should look -- focus on
6 conservation. Conservation is the most cost-effective way
7 of dealing with a limited resource.

9:03P 8 My measure of not -- of whether or not the
9 CALFED plan really does conservation will be "Does Fresno
10 get water meters?"

11 Right now Fresno has no water meters. In
12 fact, the Fresno City Council passed a resolution a few
13 years ago to require them, but it was just repealed. So
14 if you can do that, then you're getting towards
15 conservation.

16 Second, we should stop pollution first. Less
17 agricultural chemicals. Let's clean up our animal
18 operations. Let's end farming on soils that contribute to
19 pollution.

9:04P 20 MR. BODOVITZ: Mr. Blomquist, I'm sorry. The three
21 minutes are up.

22 MR. BLOMQUIST: Okay.

23 MR. BODOVITZ: Charlie Buck and Al Sattler,
24 Dale Lessick.

25 MR. BUCK: Hello.

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1 My name is Charles Buck. I live in
2 Fullerton. I'm a native Southern Californian, and I'm
3 very active in the Sierra Club and currently the chair of
4 the Orange County group of the Sierra Club in this county.

5 I think the CALFED process is a very
6 important one with great opportunity, but there are some
7 weaknesses, which I believe have been referred to tonight,
8 and I'd like to reiterate some of them.

9 I believe it's lacking in its emphasis on
10 conservation of water resources. It's too concerned with
11 building dams, canals, and reservoirs and not enough with
12 natural methods of water collection and storage. It's too
13 concerned with meeting the needs of water users,
14 particularly urban users and development.

15 We need to build into the plan much stronger
16 program commitments to water conservation. For example,
17 there should be greater use of groundwater storage.

18 I'm proud that, in Orange County, aggressive
19 actions are being taken to capture Santa Ana River water
20 and to allow it to re-enter the groundwater system here.
21 As long as we have the water, let's use it more
22 effectively.

9:05P 23 Another aspect of conservation I'd like to
24 stress relates to land use policy.

25 Southern California has an insatiable thirst

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1 for water. It's as if water is an infinite resource.

2 And why?

3 It's because we assume that ground -- that
4 growth and development are God-given rights; that, even
5 though we grow and grow and grow, we want a guarantee that
6 we will have the water to support that growth.

7 That is not reality. We live in a finite
8 world.

9 In south Orange County, thousands of homes,
10 most of them large lots, you know, many affluent --
11 affluent people are planned in the foothills, the
12 Gold Coast, I'd guess you'd call it. These homes require
13 mass amounts of water. Most of them have green grass, but
14 this is a desert habitat. This is a semi-arid area.

15 There must be a change in thinking. There
16 are no guarantees.

17 There needs to be a recognition that there
18 are limits to the resources that support our lifestyle.
19 It is not infinite.

20 And then we have the development of toll
21 roads and freeways into the hills, to, quote, open up the
22 wilderness for home development, but there is no sense of
23 consequences as far as the water resources.

24 Lastly, conservation means wise decisions as
25 to how public agencies and private parties use resources.

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1 Why do we continue to allow the development
2 of more and more golf courses in an arid area?

3 Why are we not conducting public education
4 campaigns to educate citizens about native plants and
5 their beauty and their efficiency with resources. They
6 require much less water than the traditional green lawns
7 everywhere.

8 So, basically, I'm supporting more concern
9 with conservation and recycling, and I hope you will give
10 this consideration.

11 Thank you.

9:07P 12 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Mr. Buck.

13 I have only three more cards, so this is kind
14 of the last call for cards, if you wish to speak now or
15 not at all.

16 Thank you very much.

17 Al Sattler, Dale Lessick, Karl Warkowski --
18 Warkowski.

19 MR. SATTLER: Good evening.

20 We live in an uncertain world. For the past
21 two decades we've had a relatively mild, stable climate.
22 Thanks to global warming induced by the industrial
23 revolution, current meteorological models suggest that our
24 weather is likely to get more variable.

25 I do have this that I'll hand out to you,

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1 also.

2 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

3 MR. SATTLER: Moreover, recent study of tree rings
4 indicated that there have been some lengthy droughts in
5 the west over the past few years much worse than we've
6 experienced in the historical past.

7 We have no certainty. Get over it.

9:08P 8 The request and demands for firm commitments
9 in dry years are unrealistic. People planning to live in
10 California have to realize that we live in an area that
11 has limited water. If more people come into the State,
12 they should expect to have less water.

13 The CALFED process a good start. A number of
14 speakers from cities have talked about their water
15 conservation practices and recycling. This is
16 commendable. It needs to be expanded.

17 There should be much more xeriscaping,
18 landscaping without irrigation.

19 Here, in Orange County, xeriscaping would
20 have another benefit, because non-native ants, like
21 Argentine ants and fire ants, like nice lush landscaped
22 gardens and golf courses and not intermittently dry areas,
23 like we have naturally in this area.

24 Users should pay full price for water. It
25 needs to be realized that our natural habitat has been

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1 subsidizing human expansion, not the other way around.
 2 Humans are generally considered to be
 3 endangered -- are generally not considered to be
 4 endangered. However, to the extent that other species of
 5 plants and animals become endangered, humans are also
 6 endangered. We are a part of the web of life, not apart
 7 from it. I like to eat peaches, but I also like to eat
 8 salmon.

9 There should be no new dams on free-flowing
 10 streams. Groundwater storage does not lose four to six
 11 feet a year to evaporation.

12 Water quality is important, but people should
 13 also realize that reverse osmosis can also be used to
 14 reduce dissolved solids.

15 Agriculture is important in California, and
 16 we should make sure that urban encroachment does not make
 17 it impossible.

18 That's perhaps outside of the bounds of
 19 CALFED, but I think we should, you know, speak to that
 20 point also.

21 People should read the recent book,
 22 "The Ecology of Fear," in talking about the Spanish
 23 settlers coming to Southern California, realizing that
 24 this is a dry area, like they're used to in Spain, and the
 25 English settlers come and expect it to be green and lush,

1 like England.

9:10P 2 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.

3 Dale Lessick, Karl Warkowski, Laurence
 4 Wilson.

5 Thank you. Pull the Mike down.

6 MS. LESSICK: Yeah. Thank you.

7 I just have a simple comment on a minor point
 8 in the document.

9 The document emphasizes the implementation of
 10 cost-effective conservation efforts.

11 It's a sensible, theoretical idea, but the
 12 current trend in calculating cost effectiveness is to
 13 compare the cost of implementation to the current cost of
 14 water, as though the individual water agency or farm would
 15 pay for it.

16 Since conservation and reclamation are just
 17 two forms of water supply augmentation, their costs should
 18 be compared to the cost of other water augmentation
 19 options, be it dams, reservoirs, aqueducts, etcetera,
 20 features that are typically funded by the State.

21 Without getting into the details of how to
 22 calculate the costs of an alternative, such as a dam, it
 23 would be helpful if CALFED would clarify the standard of
 24 comparison and possibly offer tentative figures for the
 25 cost of an example dam so that conservation options can be

1 more realistically considered.

2 For example, one could buy -- one could lay
 3 and maintain a heck of a lot of drip irrigation for the
 4 price of a dam, but with the current methodology of
 5 calculation that is not -- that comparison is not being
 6 made.

7 That's all. Thank you.

9:11P 8 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you, Ms. Lessick.

9 Karl Warkowski, Laurence Wilson.

10 MR. WARKOWSKI: My name is Karl. I'm with
 11 Friends of the Foothills. I'm probably one of the
 12 youngest people here, so I really don't know too much
 13 about water conservation, but I saw "Front Lines Cadillac
 14 Desert," and I understand your situation.

15 I have been involved with environmentalism
 16 for several years, and just in the short time I have been
 17 involved, I want to just ask you guys, individually, how
 18 many water conservation products do you have in your
 19 house?

20 I personally have rain barrels. I have a lid
 21 on my toilet that allows me to wash my hands with the
 22 water that goes into the basin, before it goes into a --
 23 into the flushing. I have devices on my sinks. I have
 24 meters on my shower, and I xeriscape. I don't use grass.
 25 I try to use native plants, so that my blend -- I don't

1 look like I have blend-escape, like everybody else in
 2 Orange County.

3 I just want to know -- you know, you guys at
 4 home, I'd like to talk to you afterwards and find out
 5 how -- how you use it.

9:13P 6 In Germany and Sweden, which they're not --
 7 they're not deserts, as we all know, you know, they are
 8 looking into gray water systems. I don't know why we
 9 don't talk about that in this country. It's such a great
 10 way of conserving water.

11 I'd love to see all of you fly over
 12 United Arab Emirates. Look at Abu Dhabi. Look at Kotor.
 13 Look at Bahrain. Look at developing nations, like
 14 Saudi Arabia and -- and Mecca and Rheydt, and look at how
 15 they conserve water.

16 Believe me, we can afford to conserve much
 17 more than we do now, and when I hear the Orange County
 18 business community talking about how we're doing all of
 19 it, that's the biggest sham. It's a scare tactic to say
 20 our water quality is going to suffer. We have some of the
 21 best water quality on the planet. It's not going to
 22 suffer.

23 I mean it's a fact of life that economics
 24 supports conservation and habitat restoration, and that
 25 doesn't include building more dams. We don't need dams.

1 We don't need subsidies continued.
 2 We need to divert urban runoff and increase
 3 groundwater storage.
 4 You know, the big companies that -- I also
 5 hear a lot about agriculture on the farms. I'd rather see
 6 Monsanto and A.D.M. fund genetic engineering on -- on
 7 drought tolerance, rather than increased tolerance on
 8 pesticides, which is ridiculous.
 9 You know, I'm a small business owner, and I
 10 support -- I'd rather -- I'd rather see a triple of my
 11 water bill, rather than destruction of the habitat up
 12 north. You know, I don't find it -- it going against my
 13 profit margin. I consider the use of sustainable
 14 resources part of the bottom line.
 15 You know, and another thing, I just want to
 16 say lastly, can you just imagine if -- if
 17 Northern California had a resource they needed, let's say
 18 oil, and it was only available off the coast of -- off
 19 the coast of Newport, can you imagine our impression of
 20 them taking our resource away from us, just for their
 21 consumptive needs?
 22 It's sort of ridiculous.
 23 Each person can make a difference, and they
 24 can be educated, even those that live in a desert, and,
 25 you know, water is not nature's -- water is not human's

1 property. It's nature's property, so...
 2 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you.
 3 The last word to Laurence Wilson of
 4 Laguna Beach.
 5 MR. WILSON: Ladies and Gentlemen, I came here this
 6 evening without intending to make any kind of a statement,
 7 but just to hear others talk. Unfortunately, a lot of
 8 what I've heard seems to be from people who think there is
 9 a solution to this whole dilemma, and I think that's
 10 really misleading.
 11 I hope that you will continue to look for
 12 multiple solutions to this very complex problem.
 13 For a number of years I've admired the work
 14 of Mr. Joe Bodovitz, particularly his career with the
 15 San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.
 16 As Mr. Bodovitz no doubt knows, the tides
 17 push up San Francisco Bay and up into the Delta, and it
 18 has been necessary, on occasions in the past, to shut down
 19 the pumps at the Harvey Banks Pump Station, because they
 20 were drawing saltwater up from Suisun Bay.
 21 I think we have to continue to look towards
 22 storage, probably surface storage upstream, up in the
 23 upper Sacramento Valley. We have to look for a solution
 24 to the need which was intended to be supplied by the
 25 peripheral canal, so that water quality can be

1 distributed -- water can be distributed, both in quantity
 2 and quality, more equitably throughout the Delta area.
 3 When I visit my son and my daughter-in-law
 4 and their two sons, my grandsons -- they live on the banks
 5 of the North Yuma River, up in Sierra County, in the
 6 little community of Downieville.
 7 There's a stream up there named Salmon Creek.
 8 It's a beautiful stream, but it hasn't had any salmon in
 9 it for a great many years.
 10 Should we restore salmon to Salmon Creek?
 11 Perhaps so, but that would mean eliminating
 12 Bullards Bar Dam, which is a very important element in the
 13 water supply system for the Sacramento Valley area, the
 14 Sacramento River, and the supply to the Delta.
 15 We probably can't eliminate Bullards Bar Dam.
 16 We need more storage capacity, not less, up in that area,
 17 and most of all, we need multiple solutions that include
 18 conservation, reclamation, reuse, storage, transporting
 19 water around the Delta, in a better way than the natural
 20 flow provides.
 21 I hope you'll continue to look for all of
 22 these solutions.
 23 Thank you.
 24 MR. BODOVITZ: Thank you very much.
 25 Unless there are others who wish to fill out

1 yellow cards, thank you all very, very much for coming and
 2 making this an informative and lively hearing. We
 3 appreciate your being here tonight.
 4 Hearing is adjourned.
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 6 (End of proceedings: 9:18 p.m.)
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