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Peter D. Schulz, Senior State Archeologist
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Department of Parks and Recreation
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Dear Mr. Schulz,

The Members of the Galt Area Historical Society are deeply concerned with the preservation of the area in and around the present town of Thornton, California. In looking at the North Delta Program Study Area as outlined in the map sent to us, we find history-filled areas such as the Orr ranch, the Slater Ranch, Benson's Ferry, the Housken Ranch and home, the Barber Ranch and Home, the old New Hope School building (now used to house the principal of New Hope Elementary School), "Four Corners", the Canal Ranch, New Hope Landing, Mori's Victory Inn in downtown Thornton, and the old Ryde Hotel.

We are concerned as to the fate of this historic area, and would appreciate more information defining the "alternative levee and channel improvements" planned for this North Delta area. Although, there are no known sites or buildings listed on the National or State registers at this time, as members of the Galt Area Historical Society, we are planning to eventually work with the current owners to get them listed there. Our particular interest is in the Thornton area and the area east of Thornton to Galt.

We would appreciate a copy of the EIR for the North Delta Project so that we can have a better understanding of just what is being proposed. We look forward to hearing further information from you, and we thank you for giving us a chance to address the historic preservation needs of this area.

Sincerely,

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