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Ms. Maria Morrison, Project Engineer
East Bay Municipal Utility District
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Dear Ms. Morrison:

Notice of Preparation, Folsom South Canal Connection Project, SCH 96022035

Thank you for granting the Department of Water Resources additional time to review the Notice of Preparation for the proposed Folsom South Canal Connection Project dated January 25, 1996. The Department is very interested in local planning activities since we prepare and update the California Water Plan to guide development and management of the State's water resources. Also, the Department provides local assistance and cooperates on water resources investigations to improve water supply reliability including facilities development, water conservation, conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water, and facilitation of voluntary water transfers. DWR is a member of CALFED and will have another interest in the Folsom South Canal Connection Project due to its relationship with Delta inflow.

DWR shares East Bay Municipal Utility District's interest in ensuring adequate water supply reliability for service area water users. While the proposed FSC project will provide improved reliability, we have concerns that the scope of the proposed Environmental Impact Report may not adequately address other feasible diversion points. An expanded set of alternatives that investigate practicable ways of meeting program needs could provide decision makers with important information in connection with a preferred alternative. The potential impacts to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta should also be addressed. Important related matters, including the listing of Winter Run Salmon, Delta Smelt, the December 15 Accord, the CALFED process, and the Sacramento area Water Forum consensus building efforts may need to be discussed.

Ms. Maria Morrison, Project Engineer

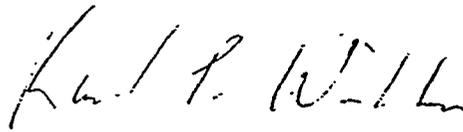
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The attached additional comments are divided into general and specific issues. They pertain to this NOP, and other matters may surface during the warranted documentation process.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please call me at (916) 227-7566.

Sincerely,



Karl P. Winkler, Chief
Central District

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