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Subject: Comments on Briefing Papers on Delta Levees and Seismic
Issues for Levees

Dear Mr. Yeager:

Thank you for forwarding the two draft briefing papers for my review. These papers have not been reviewed by the Commission, so these are staff comments only and do not reflect the positions or views of the Commission.

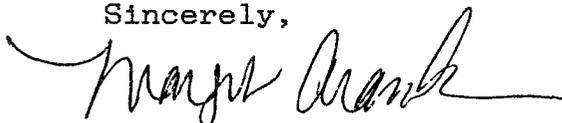
Generally, I believe the two papers are clear and understandable. As they are briefing papers, I can understand that more formal references were not included, however, it would be helpful to have included some additional footnotes.

One comment about the levee paper--there appears to be unresolved conflict regarding the "habitat value of the levees" and the rodent burrows and vegetation on the levees being one of the identified Failure Modes.

Regarding the seismic issues paper, there is obviously a key issue for the large areas of the Delta with peat soils; do the peat soils dampen or accelerate seismic activity? The current program to install four seismographs is thus very important. It would be helpful to have a more complete description of this program; the funding, the goals of the program, the location of the four seismographs, and the length of the study.

Please keep me informed of your programs.

Sincerely,



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