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SUBJECT: Comments on BDOC's Briefing Papers on Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Water Supply and Long Range Planning Concepts

Dear Mr. Yaeger:

Thank you for requesting our comments on the Bay-Delta Oversight Council's draft "Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Water Supply Paper" and "Long Range Planning Concepts for Managing Future Water Supply" briefing paper. East Bay Municipal Utility District would like to offer the following comments with respect to the two papers.

The projections in the Water Supply Paper indicate that there may be a serious gap between available, reliable water supplies and demands, even if all Level I reliability enhancement and water supply options are fully implemented by year 2020. Unfortunately, there is a significant possibility that not all of the Level I options will be implemented as assumed. The state needs to adopt a long-range planning process that can assess all possible options more thoroughly. Toward that end, we believe the state should be moving toward the type of integrated, least-cost resource planning process discussed in the Long Range Planning paper.

Table 3 (pg. 6) of the Water Supply Paper indicates that EBMUD is investigating six alternative water management options. On October 26, 1993, the EBMUD Board of Directors certified the District's Water Supply Management Program ("WSMP") Final EIR and selected Composite Program II, which utilizes conservation, reclamation, and groundwater conjunctive use, to meet the District's projected year 2020 annual demand of 280 TAF. The Board also directed EBMUD staff to continue working with San Joaquin County water interests regarding development of a joint groundwater/conjunctive use project, with the option of utilizing the District's contract with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation for 150 TAF of American River water.

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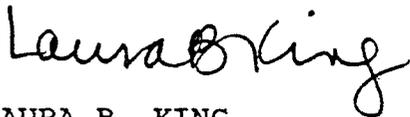
Table 3 of the Water Supply Paper should be updated to reflect the EBMUD Board of Directors' certification of the WSMP EIR and adoption of WSMP Composite Program II.

The District's need for water could change, depending on the outcome of various proceedings (EPA Bay-Delta salinity standards, FERC review of EBMUD's Mokelumne River hydropower license, and the SWRCB Mokelumne water rights hearing). Should any of these proceedings result in a significant increase in the District's need for water, the District would re-examine all of the alternatives contained in the WSMP EIR for meeting the demand.

The narrative description of the San Joaquin River Region (pg. 13) and Figure 3 (pg. 15) show the Mokelumne River to lie within the San Joaquin region. The Water Supply Paper should note that the Mokelumne River and other east side streams are hydraulically separate from other San Joaquin region rivers, and the Mokelumne should be identified in the text and on the map as an "East Side" stream.

If you have any questions about these comments, please call John W. Skinner at (510) 287-1125.

Very truly yours,



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