

**SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY
PRESENTATION TO THE BAY DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

JUNE 18, 1998

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks, Mike Stearns, Chairman, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

**Panel 1. Drainage Management in the Grasslands Water Basin:
Alternatives to Land Retirement**

Joe McGahan, Drainage Coordinator, Grassland Area Farmers:
History of the problem, establishment of the Grassland
Bypass Project
Dennis Falaschi, Manager, Panoche Water District:
Description of Grassland Drainage Management Program
Joe McGahan: Summary of results

Panel 2. Land Retirement Perspectives

Don Villarejo, Executive Director, California Institute for Rural Studies:
Socioeconomic impacts of land retirement
David Orth, Manager, Westlands Water District: Land retirement as
part of Westlands' supply plan

Panel 3. Farmers' Experiences with Progressive Water Management

John Giovannetti, B.E. Giovannetti & Sons, Huron
Chris Hurd, Circle G Farms, Firebaugh
Sue Redfern LeCompte, Redfern Ranches, Dos Palos
Marvin Meyers, Meyers Farming, Firebaugh

Panel 4. Overview of Changes on the Westside

Dr. David Sunding, title: Economic responses to supply shortages on
the westside
Laura King, Director of Strategic Planning, San Luis & Delta-Mendota
Water Authority: Summary of trends in water price, irrigation

technology and cropping patterns

Concluding Remarks, Mike Stearns

Questions and Answers