

## Public Comments: Walnut Grove, November 4

- What is the solution area?
- Include local government in program.
- CALFED is moving ahead without including reclamation districts.
- Who is going to vote for the final program?
- CALFED said it would include local entities a year and a half ago, and nothing has happened.
- People move water through the Delta, but don't put any money towards protecting local towns.
- Water was taken illegally from Delta in the past.
- Please explain habitat/levee maintenance.
- The whole thing is a facade. The government has had 37 years to do this.
- Has there ever been a levee failure due to seismic activity?
- Isn't it a waste to spend money on a seismic study instead of dredging?
- Why haven't reclamation districts been included in your process? We do the work -- we're the experts on impacts.
- If thousands of acres are taken out of production -- are socioeconomic impacts going to be addressed?
- Why don't you direct this to land you already own instead of privately owned land?
- Dredging requirements -- will CALFED eliminate some of the requirements, or at least streamline?
- If you take away farmers ability to control, there will be serious problems.
- How to deal with CEQA rule re: plan to retire 200 thousand acres (the plan goes against CEQA requirements).
- Re: Fish screens and siphons -- We don't see a lot of Anadromous fish in siphons -- we see bottom feeders. Besides, the birds eat the "take"-- What about the birds?

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- EPA has taken prime agricultural land to create a habitat in the past.
- Habitat conservation -- Can't drain the marshes, breed mosquitoes, etc. Then we can't use pesticides. There are health concerns.
- We only have 150 years of good data on flooding. CALFED needs to keep this in mind.
- Have the impacts really been looked at on the alternatives? (Flooding potential in new channels, and local drainage).
- This stakeholder group (Delta) is the largest -- we produce 45 percent of the crops -- the stakeholder groups you have worked with are government agencies.
- You're working too fast on the program. We're busy-working fast to make a living and can't possibly participate in the process.
- This is the most intensive program I have heard of.
- What is the actual number of acres proposed to be condemned? This has not been explained.
- If you take 25 percent of Delta agricultural lands out of production, you have redirected an impact and violated your solution principle.
- What is being proposed for salinity control?
- Only surplus water would be exported?
- Are you addressing these issues, or is this the same old game of the government?
- It hasn't been demonstrated that the water quality standards help fish.
- It is the water contractors who control water policy. You are failing to find water supplies for Southern California that don't come from the Delta.
- Why aren't you looking at desalinizing, recycling and reclamation.

- I am more frustrated now than before--you're going to destroy our local tax base, and the system will collapse. You don't get it--you have ignored us--you have no credibility here.
- CALFED hasn't contacted local agencies and non-profits. Late approach to public outreach.
- CALFED should compensate these people for the water they give up for exports.
- Quit exporting water in ways that hurt the Delta.
- We do not want a project built in a local jurisdiction unless it is approved by the local agency. We don't want people working on our levees without our approval. This is our number one issue.
- Will there be mandatory conservation? Mandatory land retirement?
- Is there a scenario that would involve less exports?
- Water quality program appears to be an appendix to our (Delta Keeper) program.
- What is the schedule?
- How will CALFED deal with recreation in the Delta coexisting with habitat?
- Will IDT work be public?

Mosquito production should be looked at. No one has contacted Mosquito Control Boards for input.

- What are we looking at re: facilities?
- Why don't you build dams in Southern California to save all the water that runs into the ocean? Fix the leak down there.