

Memorandum

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Subject: Comments on CalFed Programmatic EIS/EIR and Appendices

Comments

Programmatic EIS/EIR Executive Summary March 1998:

Legend not clear on map opposite page 26.
Map does not appear to be accurate.
SWP does not serve any portion of Imperial County as depicted.

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Page 6.5-5 last paragraph before Environmental Consequences:

Transportation commercial shipping routes may need to differentiate between major harbors and ports at Los Angeles, Long Beach, and San Diego from relatively minor or in significant ones elsewhere.

NO

Water Use Efficiency Component Technical Appendix:

Figure 5.4 footnote should read "Note continued increase in population density in the South Coast Region."

Page 5-32:

Bakersfield rapid growth is due to influences from Metropolitan Southern California. Where did this statement come from?

Page 5-41 Special Conditions:

Entire paragraph very poorly worded. Needs to be rewritten. "Degradation of many aquifer" not true, hot and dry climate not true. So. Coast has a very moderate climate (Mediterranean).

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Overview 3rd paragraph. Unlike Central Valley--downstream reuse of landscape runoff and treated wastewater very minimal. Statement needs clarification.

Page 5-52:

Table 5.9 not clear how these values were obtained. Also, same comment applies to Tables 5.8 and 5.9.

Page 6-1:

Water Recycling Section is misleading. Need to be more precise. Also understates Southern California current recycling percentages and amounts which may be the highest in the nation. Need to be careful. Recycling is very sensitive to water quality (TDS) of the water supply--SWP imports from Delta are low in TDS compared to Colorado River. They enable Southern California to recycle. If you reduce SWP, then you reduce opportunity to recycle.

Page 6-3 Third Paragraph:

How will Cal-Fed help? (with subsidy) May need to be specific.

Page 6-8 First Paragraph:

Not fair seems pessimistic.

Page 6-12 Fourth Paragraph:

Based on Professional Judgement, 40 percent could be recycled--Where did this come from?