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To: Califed Bay Delta Program
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From: Fresno Neighborhood Alliance
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RE: Public Comments for CALFED Bay Delta Program EIR/EIS
Public Review Period

Fresno Neighborhood Alliance is a public benefit corporation networking on life quality issues with 50 neighborhood groups and organizations in the Fresno Metropolitan Area. We have worked arduously on local water quality issues.

Fixing the Bay Delta is a huge undertaking, and we are writing to request that your studies/solutions include protection of the San Joaquin River in the upper reaches from Friant Dam to the Merced River. We recommend this knowing that solutions for the Bay Delta aren't attainable unless other agencies step in to manage water quality (runoff pollution, toxicity from runoff) and increase river flows in the San Joaquin River 's upper reaches- something which Central Valley agencies and the Bureau of Reclamation are failing to do or not doing aggressively enough.

We feel the CALFED Bay Delta Program must include environmental study and programs for improving the water quality and river flows of the San Joaquin River in the upper reaches between Friant Dam and the Merced River or it will fail environmentally to resolve the larger issue it is working to achieve. At the very least, we ask that your EIR/EIS and your efforts be supportive of measures which accomplish improving the water quality and river flows of the upper reaches of the San Joaquin River between Friant Dam and Merced River.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and please continue to notice us for public input and review.

Sincerely,

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