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Attention: Rick Breitenbach

Subject: Lets Restore the Ecosystem-Comments on Programmatic EIS/EIR

Your alternative projects appear to have been developed by a group of engineers and bureaucrats looking for projects to build. That has been the status quo for over 50 years starting with the raping of the Owens Valley by the City of Los Angeles. Offstream storage is looked upon as the answer when we have really no scientific confirmation that storing this winter runoff will not cause harm to the delta and the receiving salt water bodies.

I offer the following direction to your program:

Before any structures or facilities for storing water are planned or designed you have to develop a program that rewards water efficiency and conservation, and bases future water need on realistic assumption rather than inflated demands.

Once true conservation is in place then remove as many barrier dams, weirs and diversions as possible to increase instream flows. Stream channel and strips of land adjacent to streams must be purchased to restore habitat for fish and wildlife.

We don not need more offstream storage or any new dams or dam raises. We must learn to live with a natural ecosystem, not an artificial controlled on e that will eventually cause our civilization to be changed forever.

We must strictly enforce existing pollution laws and the basin plans that currently exist. Numerous industries cause major water quality along the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and nothing is ever done.

Thank you for listening to my comments. Now is the time to act and make the rubber meet the road.

Respectfully,

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