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Comments: Nowhere in the draft EIS is mention of controlling local-source pollution of San Francisco Bay. Is it assumed that water quality in the Bay is to be maintained solely by flushing with water flowing out of the Delta? If so the lack of any funding for storm sewers to intercept polluted drainage off of paved surfaces in urban areas is a major omission. Bay Area "environmentalists" who oppose any diversion out of the Delta to maximize flows into the Bay are in denial about the impact of storm

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drainage that cannot be alleviated by any amount of flushing. Monies to fallow productive cropland would be better spent on a comprehensive network of sewers and treatment plants to capture all of the drainage from urban areas ringing the Bay.

It was gratifying to hear the consequences of over-zealous conservation expressed in the hearing. Proposed drainage of Lake Del Valle and drastic scaling back of CSU's new campus at Ford Ord due to lack of water are just two examples of how "conservation" has adversly affected vital public institutions and facilities in our rapidly growing state. Urban landscaping that is so beneficial to our quality of life and to provide habitat for wildlife would also have to be sacrificed if adequate supplies are not available to carry California through the next drought. Foregoing locally-grown organic produce to rely on imported foodstuffs grown under much less supervision and greater exposure to pesticides would be very harmful to the health of urban dwellers.

Abandoning the fruitless policy of using Delta flows to flush San Francisco Bay will free up water badly needed elsewhere in California.

— Bill Stremmel