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Dear Ms. Ravazzini:

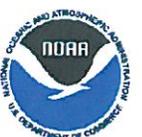
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Delta Levee Investment Strategy Document. Attached (appendix 1) are our detailed and page specific comments. We look forward to engaging with the Council on this, and other, important Delta related issues.

Please contact me at (916) 930-3733, or via email at Ryan.Wulff@noaa.gov, if you have any questions regarding this letter or our attached comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan J. Wulff".

Ryan J. Wulff
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Appendix 1: Page-Specific Comments

1. First sentence. Delete “many” and replace with “multiple”.
2. Page six...for the priorities discussion, the CVFPP should also consider these updates as a part of their comprehensive flood risk management study. NMFS believes there would be a benefit to that coordination.
3. Page six. In the funds discussion, where is the discussion of incoming funds for repairs?
4. Page eight. Under number two, there should be CVFPP discussion.
5. Delete the following sentence: “protecting these lives and property is important.” There is no need to reiterate this as it is already stated and implied.
6. Page nine. In the paragraph that starts with "a more reliable water supply...", there is discussion of how the levees impact hydrodynamics and thus impact water quality. This is not the only way levees impact water quality. This discussion needs expanding.
7. Page nine. In the delta ecosystem section, the incorrect correlation between water quality for humans and water quality for native species is made. Brackish water has been shown to help natives and push back non-natives.
9. Page 10. What is a rural economy? We are not sure we understand the sentence with "sited adjoining levees" in the last paragraph. Consider revising.
10. Page 23. Regarding the term “where feasible.” How is this defined? It is often more of a case of where one is willing. Setbacks are almost always “feasible”.