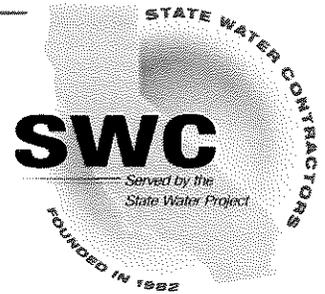


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Re: Public Hearing, Draft Addendum to the Delta Programmatic Environmental
Impact Report, One-Year Water Transfers

Dear Ms. Pearson:

The State Water Contractors (SWC) continue to support the staff recommendation of the Delta Stewardship Council to exempt one-year water transfers from a new regulatory process as a covered action under the Delta Plan. The SWC is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation that represents and protects the common interests of its 27 members of the California State Water Project (SWP). SWC member agencies deliver water to more than 26 million Californians and 750,000 acres of productive farmland. As our June 10 correspondence of this year detailed, single-year water transfers can be an important tool in critically dry years to increase the amount of water flowing through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, with some of this water set aside as "carriage losses" for outflow and the rest available for export at the SWP diversion facilities. This can be helpful in meeting the goal of a reliable water supply for California while increasing the water within the Delta itself in these year types. The California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board have regulatory processes in place to approve these transfers. Additional regulatory processes could very well threaten the viability of such transfers, given the narrow time period to review and approve these proposals so that upstream activities are adjusted to allow the reservoir releases to make their way to the Delta. Maintaining the existing regulatory construct is an appropriate course of action for the Delta Stewardship Council at this time.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 447-7357 ext. 203.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Erlewine", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Terry Erlewine
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