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To: comments_EIR@DeltaCouncil
Subject: Please adopt Alternative 2 to restore the Delta and reduce Delta water diversions
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Mr. Joe Grindstaff
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Dear Mr. Grindstaff,

I urge the Delta Stewardship Council to adopt Alternative 2 and to specifically limit Delta water diversions to no more than 3,000 cubic feet per second, to implement the Delta Plan.

Unfortunately, none of the alternatives currently in the EIR meet the legal mandates of restoring the Delta ecosystem, water quality, and fisheries. Therefore, I urge that the draft EIR be recirculated with at least one alternative that fully achieves these important goals.

A valid Delta Plan must enforce water quality standards and meet the minimum flow recommendations of the California Department of Fish and Game and Water Resources Board.

The Plan should focus on cost-effective water use efficiency, recycling, and conservation measures, instead of costly and destructive dams and canals, to achieve its water supply reliability goal.

Early this month I drove up from Southern California to fish the Lower Sacramento river with guides from the Fly Shop in Redding. The size of the trout are much smaller. I believe it is directly the result of the smaller runs of Salmon; The trout around Redding use to be able to eat Salmon Eggs and grow to large sizes. Those salmon are not returning in numbers like they use to. Every year there are fewer and fewer Salmon returning. Same thing for the Yuba River, we fished there the day after fishing in Redding and we caught one fish between the three of us; More water has to be allowed to flow back in to the delta or I believe we will be seeing the last of wild Salmon and Steelhead going up the Sacramento from the delta;

I oppose any alternative that would require the construction of a Peripheral Canal or tunnel to divert more water from the Delta. I also oppose any plan that assumes the taxpayer will cover the costs for Delta projects that primarily benefit those who receive Delta water exports. Those who receive Delta water need to mitigate the damage they have caused to the Delta ecosystem.

The Delta is a nationally significant public trust resource critical to the economic and environmental health of California. Please adopt a Delta Plan that ensures full protection and restoration of this important estuary.

Thank you.

Mr. Harry Surtees

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