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Re: San Juan Water District's Comments on Draft Delta Plan EIR

Dear Mr. Isenberg:

San Juan Water District (San Juan) provides wholesale and retail water supplies to over 250,000 people in eastern Sacramento County and southern Placer County. In providing these supplies, San Juan relies on, among other sources, an 1852 water right in the American River – the oldest right in the river that spawned the Gold Rush. In addition to providing supplies within its service area, San Juan treats and delivers water to districts in parts of Sacramento County with historically declining groundwater that allow them to implement conjunctive use programs. San Juan participated in the development of our region's Water Forum Agreement, which balances the coequal objectives of providing water supplies for the region to meet its 2030 demands and protecting the region's environmental jewel – the lower American River, a rare urban river designated under the federal Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. To protect all of these resources, San Juan is a member of the Regional Water Authority (RWA).

San Juan is very concerned about the Council's proposal, stated in the draft Delta Plan and the related draft environmental impact report (DEIR), that the implementation of an undefined "more natural flow regime" be accelerated. San Juan believes that this proposal, if implemented, could dramatically reduce the surface-water supplies on which it, its wholesale family of districts and innovative regional programs depend. Such a flow regime, for example, could cause the level of Folsom Lake to decline below San Juan's intake, cutting off our water supplies. San Juan therefore joins in RWA's comments on the Council's DEIR for the Delta Plan.

Very truly yours,

Shauna Lorance  
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