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Subject: My Comments on the Delta Plan and EIR recommendations
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2011 3:55:17 PM

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January 28, 2011

Re: Notice of Preparation for the Completion of an EIR on the Delta Plan

Dear Council members:

Thank you for coming to Chico yesterday and receiving our public comments. As you heard, the overwhelming number of speakers asked that the council reconsider the basic tenets of the Delta plans. Please know that as Conservation Chair of the Sierra Club-Yahi Group, I am writing you for many citizens who share those concerns, who could not drive to Chico last night, and who live in the five counties that the Yahí Group covers. They are Butte, Glenn, Tehama, Lassen and Plumas counties.

The co-equal goals that you applauded as being part of the legislation did not include protection of the sources of water in the Delta! Accordingly, please let me address one of several comments made in the letter sent to to you on January 25, 2011, from a very broad coalition of environmental groups including Sierra Club-California. They asked you to consider providing an EIR with the following recommendation:

***Reducing Reliance on the Delta and its Watersheds:** Recognize that California has dramatic opportunities to invest in regional water supplies (e.g., agricultural and urban conservation, wastewater recycling, groundwater management and urban stormwater capture) that can allow the state to meet its future needs, while simultaneously facilitating the restoration of the Delta ecosystem and its watersheds.*

Not only can we reduce reliance on the watersheds in the north state, we must do so. Many wells have already seen a decrease in water levels (with harm to personal and community economies, inadequate scientific studies exist to examine the amount of recharging that can safely be done, and citizens, fish and other wildlife have been deprived of needed water. The health of ecosystems must be protected before we experience the grave problems seen in the San Joaquin Valley and elsewhere. Many

of last night's public comments addressed specific problems that have already appeared up here, as you well know. Moreover, depleting ground water in the course of conjunctive use will affect not only the north state but the Delta as well.

On top of that, we all know that California is suffering a tremendous budget crisis. What an opportunity you now have to dramatically reduce the expenses associated with transferring unnatural amounts of water to the Delta and beyond. Instead, ask that Californians seriously address the "Alternative" of employing conservation efforts such as those mentioned by the broad environmental coalition, above. They would be far less costly than building dams, tunnels, pipelines, and destroying the watersheds that are so vital to the well-being of all of our citizens, whether they are farmers, ranchers, fishermen, city dwellers, or other citizens.

Sincerely,

Grace M. Marvin
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--- On Tue, 1/25/11, John Merz <jmerz@sacrivertrust.org> wrote:

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To share with CWW - John

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From: [Nick Di Croce](#)

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Subject: Delta Stewardship Council Package

Attached is the package that is being presented to the Delta Stewardship Council tonight at their Stockton Scoping Meeting. Presenting for our coalition will be Jonas Minton, Mark Rockwell, Bill Jennings and Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla.

The press release is also attached; it is embargoed until 6pm tonight. We are urging each of you to use your own press lists to send it to; we know from experience that the duplication that will occur is actually beneficial.

We will be posting this material on the EWC web site ASAP and we urge you to each post it on your web sites, if possible.

We hope to get the attention of the Stewardship Council as well as the press and public. And as soon as we can catch our breath, we will start working on the next submittal to their Scoping Process. Those future subjects will include at least Water Quality, Delta Governance, Financing and Implementation. So stay tuned; you are not finished hearing from us.

Nick Di Croce
for the EWC