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Do not destroy the Delta and San Francisco Bay by taking the freshest water out of the Delta, around or under, and then sending polluted drain water back through drains or down the San Joaquin river to the Delta and San Francisco Bay.

Another thought, the amount of electricity needed to pump the water to southern farms and Los Angeles. Current pumping already takes about 23 per cent of California's total electrical usage. If you increase pumping how much more is needed?

California needs more storage, is there not an aquifer under Los Angeles or some of the southern farm fields that can be replenished? Los Angeles seems to get quite a lot of rainfall, instead of letting all the rain water be channeled through cement lined canals or drain pipes out to the ocean, store or inject some of it.

Much of the Delta levee system is being strengthened, use the current Delta channels to bring the water to the pumping station when there is a surplus of water in the northern rivers.

In closing if the attitude of southern California water importers is to take water from Northern California with no regard for the water users of the North, maybe it is time to split the State of California into two separate states.

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## Response to comment I102-1

As described in Section 2A of the Draft Program EIR, the Proposed Project and Alternatives 1A, 1B, 2, and 3 encourage users of Delta water to reduce reliance on the Delta, in accordance with the Delta Reform Act, through implementation of water use efficiency program and local and regional water supplies, including additional storage and expanded groundwater projects, as described in Subsections 2.2.1.2.4 and 2.2.1.3, respectively, of the Draft Program EIR. The Proposed Project and Alternatives 1A, 1B, 2, and 3 do not contain any recommendations concerning new water facilities to convey water through the Delta, such as the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), which is likely to be a major project involving large-scale improvements in water conveyance and large-scale ecosystem restorations in the Delta. The Proposed Project and Alternatives 1A, 1B, 2, and 3 do recommend that agencies involved in BDCP complete the study. When completed, BDCP must be incorporated into the Delta Plan if it meets certain statutory requirements. Water Code section 85320 establishes a process for incorporation of the BDCP into the Delta Plan.