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Comment:

I would like to know what happens AFTER the tunnels and reservoirs are in place. I am dismayed this project is being considered, but it is a foregone conclusion that it will happen. Here are my comments/questions:

I92-1

- if damage is being done to fish, delta species 2 years in, 7 years later, what recourse does your agency, the state, the feds have to reduce the flow of subsidized water to farms?

I92-2

- what is in place to measure the impact of the project on delta vitality, at what frequency, who oversees it (this is likely in the EIR). What are the 'success metrics' for the project from an environmental perspective, and how are they tracked?

I92-3

- in the shadow of the "Cadillac Desert" prophesy years ago, how has the DSC changed its approach, incorporated lessons and adjusted from mistakes of past planning and delivery of projects? I understand EIR is ever evolving and would hope that it reflects the spirit of 'lets learn from our mistakes' of past agencies, privatized water groups, and misguided "flood control" engineers who cant begin to fathom how global warming will mock their physics degrees and carefully calculated hyrdo-dynamics equations.

I92-4

Thanks for considering and weighing the true impacts, and the actions to take when/if things dont go according to your EIR plans.

I92-5

Sincerely,
Brian Smith

Response to comment I92-1

Please see Master Response 1, which discusses the relationship of BDCP and the Delta Plan.

Response to comment I92-2

The Delta Stewardship Council seeks to influence the actions, activities, and/or projects of other agencies – the details of which are under the jurisdiction and authority of the individual agencies that will propose them in the future. Lead agencies that propose a covered action that occurs in part or in whole within the Delta or Suisun Marsh would need to develop the project to be consistent with the Delta Plan which includes policies to improve the Delta ecosystem.

Response to comment I92-3

As described in the Delta Plan, the Delta Stewardship Council will be implementing an adaptive management program to develop, implement, and update the Delta Plan and to determine the best available science used in support of the Delta Plan actions.

Response to comment I92-4

Comment noted.

Response to comment I92-5

Comment noted.