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Members of the Council,

With regards to the present draft of the Environmental Impact Assessment of the Delta Plan, I wish to submit for consideration as a potential part of the Proposed Project an additional method of reinforcing reliable water supplies from the Delta(Section 3.4.3.1).

The Tulare Lake Basin is at present a largely agricultural area, supplied with water from the Delta. Formerly (before development), the Kings, Kaweah, and Tule rivers (referenced in Section 3.3.5.1.1) supplied the area with the mountain runoff needed to sustain the original Tulare Lake. The EIR presently cites this runoff as "high-quality" (Section 3.3.5.1.2).

I ask that the option and consequences thereof be considered that Tulare Lake be partially or wholly restored as lake and wetlands, adding to the natural groundwater charging and surface storage capacity of the area, so that water resource reliance of the Tulare Lake environs could be displaced from the Delta.

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Response to comment I97-1

As described in Subsection 2.3.5 of the Draft Program EIR, Alternative 2 includes development of a large reservoir in the Tulare Lake bed.