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To BDCP and DSC

At risk of sounding redundant there are many stressors on the Delta most significantly in the San Joaquin Delta. Those include over prescription of upstream water diversions. They also include downstream sewage discharges (more pollution into less water) this gives too high of concentrations to the remaining flows when only stored water is available in late summer or early fall.

I have in my past made several decisions based on assumptions, I believe making solid (binding) decisions about climate change (global warming) puts us in that position. It is not fact and that is not enough to encourage me to spend that extra money on projections. That is not to say that we should not have a contingency plan, but with limited finances there is a significant difference in projected cost.

The Delta farmers and residents deserve to be able to protect their levee integrity and to do so means they need to dredge. Without the integrity of Delta levees the water quality will be further put further at risk. To build a tunnel or peripheral Canal does little to protect the integrity of the Delta as a whole.

I am still opposed and will remain so of a species by species approach to resolve Delta issues. Big Fish eat little fish and probably don't spend a lot of time deciphering whether it is a salmon smolt or Delta smelt!

Simply shutting off the pumps that pump out of Clifton Cort forebay is not the answer. shutting the pumps off will reduce the reverse flows of the San Joaquin River not totally eliminate them. Flow patterns need new plumbing to change. I encourage any isolated facilities to locate the intakes at the confluence of the sacramental San Joaquin rivers.

Creating more permanent wetlands appears questionable, when our problem is limited stored water on dry years. If we better protect the wetlands we already have it will be more successful than adding more wetlands with less water. Perhaps Delta landowners might be enticed into intermittent contract (leases) defined by percentage of increased rainfall on an annual basis when water is available.

Please go into a meeting of water agencies and ask the question, who is willing to give up 10 percent of their water supply to save the Delta? How many hands do you expect to be elevated? If indeed we are to solve the Delta problem it should be a "shared sacrifice" a term I took from the Sacramento bee. The Delta needs clean water and if it's to be healthy it needs more stored water releases from upstream from all the diverters to have healthy water in late summer or early fall annually or more storage facilities to supplement the available supplies. Where are the volunteers to save the Delta?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment sincerely Jim Verboon

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