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To the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the Delta Stewardship Council,

In participating in the studies and conversations occurring mostly at the Delta stewardship Council meetings I along with others have crafted a potential interim plan that deserves study. Our plan is to enlarge and incorporate existing channels in the Delta around Twitchell Island. Enlarged channels would provide improved Sacramento River flows into the central and southeastern Delta. By utilizing existing channels to greater access the existing Sacramento River flows is less controversial and intrusive than the long-term proposals on the table. Proposing this potential alternative interim solution does several things to promote co-equal goals. There needs to be modeling to determine how large these channels should be. To meet the co-equal goals the channels need to be large enough to eliminate the reverse flows caused by the export pumps.

This plan would add more fresh water flows into the San Joaquin Delta where scientists say flow enhancement is needed to resolve low dissolved oxygen levels, dilute nitrate and other organic matter concentrations. These additional freshwater flows would also conceivably increase the quality of existing wetlands in the South Delta.

This alternative plan should increase the reliable water deliveries to the export pumps in a more natural flow pattern that at the same time would reduce entrainment of fish, especially salmon and steelhead trout. It would also be much less expensive and more rapidly put into place than other proposals on the table. As farmers we look for cost versus benefit and this looks very worthy of additional study and modeling. Naturally if this plan or a version of it is implemented it needs to be monitored for results.

What this plan does NOT do: This plan does NOT take someone else's water from their usage, different than other options proposed that appear to take water from current water users. This plan routes more fresh water flows to the pumps in a more natural environmentally friendly way, using the existing water sources more wisely.

If this proposal has been studied in the past I would suggest all pertinent information be posted for potential questioning and peer-review.

We have learned a lot in this process and are well aware of the importance of selecting a Delta plan quickly. Therefore before it is too late, if this plan or a version of it can help achieve

the coequal goals, it deserves consideration, study and response.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the coequal goals.

Regards Jim