

# LO166 Solano County Water Agency

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1. Pg. 2A-43, line 4 add, after "to" – "the North Bay Aqueduct near"; Line 8 change 2011 to 2012. LO166-1
2. Pg. 3-14, line 8 – delete "and Suisun Marsh"; line 10 says average annual pumping rate is 30 cfs based on a CALFED 2005 document - DWR can confirm, but annual average is more like 60-80 cfs, with a wide range of fluctuation due to M&I demands; line 12 add "Fairfield"; line 13 change "Agency" to "District". LO166-2
3. Pg. 4-49 Table 3-9. For Putah South Canal change number to 200,000 AF, the number in the table is probably just the M&I component for the Solano Project; in paragraph below the table there should be text regarding Napa County supplies from the North Bay Aqueduct – see text on page 3-14 that can be used. LO166-3
4. Pg. 3-53 Table 3-10 – delete Mojave Exchange Agreement – that program has expired and no longer is in effect. LO166-4

General Comment: The SWP North Bay Aqueduct Alternate Intake Project is grouped with water quality projects throughout the document. While there certainly is an important water quality aspect to this project, it is a water conveyance project (like the DHCCP project, but on a smaller scale) and has beneficial impacts to fish species (by providing an alternate pumping location to protect fish). LO166-5

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## **Response to comment LO166-1**

Comment noted; the requested change would not affect the evaluation of impacts and determination of significance.

## **Response to comment LO166-2**

In response to this comment, please see text change(s) in Section 5 in this FEIR.

## **Response to comment LO166-3**

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## **Response to comment LO166-4**

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## **Response to comment LO166-5**

Unlike several other water quality improvement projects considered in the Fifth Staff Draft Delta Plan as "named projects," the North Bay Aqueduct Alternative Intake Project was not considered to improve water quality of receiving waters but rather to improve drinking water quality. This concept is stated in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the North Bay Aqueduct Alternative Intake Project (published November 24, 2009). The NOP stated that the water supplies from the North Bay Aqueduct in Barker Slough were frequently characterized by poor water quality. Poor water quality has resulted in the need for periodic expensive water treatment processes or use of other water supplies, both of which have reduced water supply reliability for North Bay Aqueduct water users. The NOP also described limitations on the use of the Barker Slough intake due to USFWS, NMFS, and DFG (DFW) requirements to protect delta smelt, longfin smelt, and/or salmonids. Although this project includes both water quality and water supply reliability objectives, this project was listed as a water quality improvement named project because water quality issues appeared to be a higher priority in the NOP, and because each named project occurs in only one analysis category in the Draft Program EIR.