# LO184 Sacramento Suburban WD

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:
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Re: Sacramento Suburban Water District's Comments on Draft Delta Plan EIR

Dear Mr. Isenberg:

Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) provides retail water supplies to about 170,000 people in northern Sacramento County. SSWD has historically relied solely on groundwater, but the local aquifer declined due to increasing demands. In addition, military bases (closed) and aerospace facilities located both north and southeast of SSWD's groundwater wells were discovered to have contributed contaminates into those aquifers, in some cases with the plumes expanding toward SSWD's wells. To address these conditions, SSWD has invested in surface-water supplies to provide a conjunctive water use program for the service area. In addition, SSWD participated in the development of the region's Water Forum Agreement, which balances the coequal objectives of ensuring water supplies to meet our region's 2030 water use demands while protecting the lower American River – an urban river designated under the federal Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. To protect all of these resources, SSWD is a member of the Regional Water Authority (RWA). LO184-1

SSWD is very concerned about the Council's proposal, stated in the draft Delta Plan and the related draft environmental impact report (DEIR), that the implementation of an undefined "more natural flow regime" be accelerated. SSWD believes that implementing such a proposal could severely restrict the surface-water supplies that support SSWD's conjunctive water use program. SSWD therefore joins in RWA's comments on the Council's DEIR for the Delta Plan. LO184-2

Sincerely,

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## *Response to comment LO184-1*

Comment noted.

## *Response to comment LO184-2*

Please refer to the responses to comment LO189.

Regarding the impacts of the recommended Delta flow regime, please refer to Master Response 5.