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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:
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Re: Browns Valley Irrigation District's Comments on Draft Delta Plan EIR

Dear Mr. Isenberg:

Browns Valley Irrigation District (BVID) serves northeastern Yuba County and is one of the oldest irrigation districts in California. BVID holds an 1890 water right in the Yuba River and our diversions provided the basis for some of the world's first hydroelectric powerhouses. BVID also owns and operates Collins Lake, which enables BVID to coordinate management of its local water supplies to meet local needs. To protect its water rights and its ability to serve its customers, BVID is a member of the Northern California Water Association (NCWA). LO193-1

BVID 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. Requiring very significant increases in spring streamflows would drain storage in reservoirs like BVID's Collins Lake, which would seriously impact water supplies throughout the Central Valley. BVID therefore joins in NCWA's comments on the Council's DEIR for the Delta Plan. LO193-2

Very truly yours,



Walter Cotter
General Manager

Response to comment LO193-1

Comment noted.

Response to comment LO193-2

Please refer to Master Response 5.