Response to comment OR121-1
Comment noted.

Response to comment OR121-2
This is a comment on the project, not on the EIR. Please see Master Response 5 for a description of Delta Plan Policy WR P1.
Response to comment OR121-3
This is a comment on the project, not on the EIR.

Response to comment OR121-4
This is a comment on the project, not on the EIR.

Response to comment OR121-5
The proposed BDCP is a reasonably foreseeable future project that is being evaluated by the Department of Water Resources as the CEQA lead agency. Please refer to Master Response 1. Section 3 of the EIR considers whether the Delta Plan and the alternatives would alter water supply availability to users. This analysis looks at the overall water supply, not solely the availability of water exported from the Delta. Similarly, the Delta Reform Act requires the Delta Plan to advance coequal goals, including “providing a more reliable water supply for California” (Water Code §§ 29702(a), 85300(a)). Again, the coequal goals focus on the reliability of the state’s overall water supply.
Response to comment OR121-6

Please refer to Master Response 3.

Response to comment OR121-7

Comment noted.

when it states that the “no project” alternative—the status quo without a Delta Plan—will result in greater exports than the Delta Plan. The public water agencies that use water exported through the Delta are considering investing billions of dollars through the BDCP to restore lost water reliability while working towards Delta recovery efforts. The draft plan and the draft EIR/EIS seem to be assuming that those investments will actually decrease export supplies and reliability, as opposed to improving water supply reliability.

5. Draft EIR/EIS should address meeting co-equal goals. The Delta Plan is a key document to achieve the co-equal goals, yet the EIR/EIS explicitly avoids any analysis as to how the alternatives in this document would or would not achieve the co-equal goals. This is a glaring omission in this document, leaving stakeholders statewide confused about the differences among the alternatives considered in the draft EIR/EIS.

SCWC strongly endorsed the historic legislative package (November 2010) that led to the creation of the Delta Stewardship Council. SCWC will continue to work with the DSC to help clarify the intent of the draft Delta Plan and the alternatives evaluated in the draft EIR/EIS so that the final Plan advances the co-equal goals and does not create unintended policy confusion and administrative/technical uncertainty that could slow down and threaten the effective implementation of Delta solutions.