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I attended the Public Scoping Meeting held here in Chico on the evening of Jan 26. The following are my comments to the Council

(1) The availability of potable water should be the first priority of the Delta Plan. To advance the above goal I advocate the elimination of the many artificial islands and tracts which now cover what was once open water and marsh lands. This would greatly increase the Delta storage capacity of fresh water.

The levees which created these islands are now in various states of deterioration. The islands which I am familiar with have subsided and are now below sea level. Due to the oxidation of the peat soil they are still

sinking. (Grizzly Island). This would eliminate agricultural and various other non-essential uses of Delta lands

The above measure should relieve the necessity to construct more water storage facilitys outside the Delta such as the Sites Reservoir Project

(2) Eliminate the use of Delta water for agricultural irrigation in the San Joaquin Valley.

I am fully aware that what I have recommended above is contrary to some aspects of SB 71. These are in Chapter 2, Delta Policy Section 85020, page 20. These are Items (b), (f), and maybe (g).

Respectfully Submitted

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