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On authority of the San Joaquin Audubon Society, I write in objection to approving \$500,000 to DWR for the purpose of independent scientific studies. The DSC has an Independent Scientist Board, which is currently unfunded. The Independent Science Board provides truly independent scientific review and research of importance to the DSC and should be used for guidance on all scientific matters. DWR has extensive budgetary resources with which it can fund any research that it deems important. Also, DWR works mostly for Metropolitan Water, which has extensive funds and should be paying for any research related to water conveyance projects related to the tunnel project.

In addition, it is our understanding that transfer of the funds to DWR is illegal based on HSC 57004.

Please fund your Independent Science Board and not DWR.

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“Birds have wings; they're free; they can fly where they want when they want.

They have the kind of mobility many people envy.” – [Roger Tory Peterson](#)