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To Whom It May Concern:

My opinion on the BDCP EIR/EIS plan is number 4 - DO NOTHING. The following is support for this option;

I attended the meeting in Brentwood on Monday March 23, 2009 where the proposal was discussed in detail. I came away from that meeting with grave concerns regarding the entire Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) as it has been named. The BDCP plan is not a conservation plan, what it is however, is a plan to direct/divert more and cleaner water to Southern CA for their use and storage. This additional flow to Southern CA, if allowed would be the death of the Delta. I have frequented the Delta for over 50 years and lived in Discovery Bay, on the Delta for the past 27 years. During this time I have observed the degradation of the area, seen the changes as higher flows of water were being diverted south.

Noteworthy; The summer of 2008 there was a 2 week period that the flow south was reduced due to the location of certain fish near the inlet. During that 2 week period the water quality and clarity in and around Discovery Bay was greatly improved. Visibility off my dock went from 3 feet to 6 feet.

During the aforementioned meeting, we were told there were multiple plans. Flow rates were discussed and to my best recollection 6,000 to 15,000 cf/s were predicted as the flow rates we could expect. Currently the flow rates are up to 11,000 cf/s. Several of the attendees asked the panel of experts what flow rate did the Delta require for proper maintenance of the system. NO one could answer, but they sure knew what rates they wanted to take. Additionally the proposed barriers, locks or whatever you want to call them would be crippling to recreational boating and fishing. To transit the Delta where I normally go, with the plan executed would have me going through 2 or 3 of these barriers or locks each way.

After listening to and reading all the information made available at the meeting and on the website, it is my opinion to go with plan number 4, DO NOTHING. Before you ratify a plan that will destroy the Delta, let Southern CA find their water elsewhere, i.e. *desalinization*.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this most important issue.

Sincerely,

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