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N • Incorporate the commitment to meet AFRP-recommended American River instream flows described in the November 20, 1997, Department of the Interior Final Administrative Proposal on the Management of Section 3406(b)(2) water of the CVPIA.

O • Define actions that will be taken during periods when minimal instream flows exist in the American River. Diversions during these periods should be avoided or flow releases should be increased above base flows in the amount diverted to avoid fish and wildlife impacts.

P • Growth inducing impacts are intended to be reduced through implementation of policies and mitigation measures identified in County and city general plans, and related EIRs adopted by the local land use agencies that regulate growth, and compliance with applicable State and Federal environmental laws in the project area. Reclamation should encourage that PCWA's participate in supporting a regional Habitat Conservation Plan for Placer County.

N. The recent Judge Wanger decision requires that baseline Reclamation operations of the Central Valley Project be consistent with D-893. This decision supercedes USFWS' previously assumed, and Reclamation's voluntary operational goal of striving to implement the November 20, 1997 AFRP target flow objectives for various water year types. In fact, USFWS no longer recognizes AFRP flow objectives as appropriate considerations, particularly regarding 3406(b)2 allocation.

O. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.14, Cumulative Impact Analysis.

P. PCWA does support and is participating in the regional development of the Habitat Conservation Plan. Please also refer to Response L-244.I.

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PCWA AMERICAN RIVER PUMP STATION AND RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	

COMMENTS:

No!

A. Too much traffic on Riverview at present.

We wish to protect our families, dogs, cats, wildlife!

Thank you!

sorry this is late

H

PLEASE USE THIS TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE DRAFT EIS/EIR. YOU CAN SEND ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO:
DRAFT EIS/EIR COMMENTS, SURFACE WATER RESOURCES, INC., 2031 HOWE AVENUE, SUITE 110, SACRAMENTO, CA 95825
JUST FOLD THIS SELF-ADDRESSED SHEET INTO THIRDS, SEAL, STAMP, AND MAIL. THANK YOU.

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A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	

COMMENTS:

In Reference to restoring the River to its historic channel & putting 60 more vehicle parking spots, I strongly object. We have a severe nonattainment air quality problem already. Plus in the EIR there is no solution for fire hazard - this is an extreme high fire danger area and posting signs is not going to satisfy this. I didn't see where Pacific St. was looked at - the residential is nil, and there is already parking access. There are no small children & no school to worry about. Where will people go to the bathroom? Will there be trash cans? I want a full report on the fire and air quality & what will be done to meet attainment levels before anymore cars are allowed. I also want to be notified of any public meetings on this development & any other in the Auburn area.

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A. The Draft EIS/EIR evaluated the construction and project-related air emissions in Chapter 3, Section 3.15, Air Quality. With the exception of NO_x emissions during construction, air pollutant emissions would be below the local APCD significance thresholds.

B. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.9, Fire Management.

C. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.10, Project Access.

D. The Draft EIS/EIR describes the proposed public river access features, including restroom and trash container placement and maintenance by CDPR. Please also refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

E. All those commenting on the American River Pump Station Project Draft EIS/EIR were notified of the availability of the Final EIS/EIR. Those interested in receiving information or notification regarding other projects in Auburn need to contact the appropriate lead agencies, such as the City of Auburn or Placer County.

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American River Pump Station Project
Draft EIS/EIR comments
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Gentlemen

A. I prefer the "Preferred Alternative"—the Mid Channel Diversion Alternative -- to this river restoration project, because it will restore boatable flows to a now dry stretch of river and it may ultimately provide access to the Confluence Parkway stretch of the American River, now off limit to the general public. I urge you strongly to adopt this alternative.

Sincerely yours

Gerald C. Young

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A. Project support noted.

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COMMENTS:

A The plan needs to include bathroom facilities at the proposed parking areas.

B The plan must include clear details for safe horse + pedestrian trails through the canyon. This means trails away from paved roads.

C The plan must include re-vegetation for erosion control, and native beauty, as well as protection from invasive, non-native plant species. If we restore the river, we must plan to restore the plants + forest.

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A. Restroom facilities would be provided and maintained by CDPR. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

B. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

C. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.5, Project Area River Restoration.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA -- THE RESOURCES AGENCY

GRAY DAVIS, *Governor*

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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November 9, 2001

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The California Department of Water Resources has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the American River Pump Station Project in Placer County, California dated August, 2001. We fully support the Proposed Alternative, Mid-Channel Diversion.

Enclosed for your review and consideration are the Department's detailed comments and recommendations concerning the Draft EIS/EIR. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS/EIR and look forward to working with you and your team on the Project's next phase.

If you have any questions or need us to expand upon our comments or recommendations, please contact me at (916) 651-9600 or Bill Peach of DWR's Fish Passage Improvement Program at (916) 651-9615.

Sincerely,

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Project Support and Resource
Restoration Branch
Division of Planning and Local Assistance

Enclosure

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The Resources Agency
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Comments on the Proposed Alternative: Mid-Channel Diversion

Department of Water Resources — Division of Planning and Local Assistance

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Table 2-2:
Why does the Mid-Channel Proposal take only one more month to construct (22 months construction time) while costing nearly twice as much ($31 million) as the Upper-Channel Proposal (21 months construction time and $17 million construction costs)?

B

Water Quality:
The Water Quality section of the American River Pump Station Project Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report addresses the engineering aspects of meeting current storm water pollution prevention rules and regulations through the use of appropriate Best Management Practices. The focus of discussion in this section appears to be on temporary BMP's necessary to meet permit requirements during construction activities. Beyond a few generic recommendations based upon broad assumptions, the Water Quality section does not appear to fully address the bigger issue of post-construction erosion/sediment control within the canyon both for the proposed construction work and the initial Auburn Dam construction work of the 1970's.

Without an adequate post-construction erosion/sediment control plan, the restoration of natural flows through this reach of the American River will increase the potential for sedimentation downstream of the project site, a significant impact. The vast majority of disturbed areas within the project site occur between the north side of the existing cofferdam remnant and the outlet of the 33 foot diameter diversion pipe, a 4,000 foot length of highly disturbed river canyon extending hundreds of feet up the canyon side-slopes. Essentially dry year-round, this segment of the river currently serves as a sediment trap for this extensive disturbed area. The reintroduction of natural river-flows through this segment of the river will be a significant beneficial impact; but it will also eliminate a beneficial function, sediment control, which needs to be incorporated elsewhere into the project site.

In recent years, the Regional Water Quality Control Board has been aggressively enforcing NPDES permit requirements. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, a requirement of the permit, is designed to address two distinct phases of a project, construction and post-construction. The SWPPP utilizes BMP's to minimize or eliminate storm water impacts generated by disturbed areas during and following construction. BMP's are typically divided into two categories, temporary BMP's intended as interim solutions implemented during construction and permanent BMP's which address the long-term solution for erosion/sediment control after the construction is completed. Both types of BMP's are included in a SWPPP. Other agencies will commonly budget upwards to 15 percent of their total construction dollars towards implementation of a SWPPP for a project. For economic and logistic reasons, permanent BMP's are preferably installed in lieu of temporary BMP's and as early as possible during the construction process. The lack of an adequate post-construction SWPPP, which would include permanent hillside revegetation, could be a potentially significant issue for RWQCB.

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A. Pump station plant construction, which would occur under either alternative, would require the greatest amount of time to complete of any project component. Pump station construction would involve several steps, including concrete form work and placement, completion of the pump station building, and installation of pumps, other hardware, and electrical work. Therefore, the two alternatives would require a similar length of time to complete. Additional activities under the Mid-Channel Diversion Alternative include modification and restoration of approximately 4,000 feet of the river channel. Channel excavation would be done concurrently with other pump station construction. The Mid-Channel Diversion Alternative includes the creation of public river access improvements, including access roads, trails, and parking areas. The Upstream Diversion Alternative would not require the extensive river channel excavation work and would not provide public river access features. Therefore, due to the increased amount of earth moving and public access-related construction, the Mid-Channel Diversion Alternative would cost substantially more than the Upstream Diversion Alternative.

B. The Proposed Project would include post-construction erosion/sediment control measures as required by the NPDES SWPPP (Draft EIS/EIR, Section 3.7, Water Quality, page 3-193). As noted by the commenter, the NPDES SWPPP shall include a description of the BMPs and control practices to be used for both temporary and permanent erosion control measures. The SWPPP will describe all post-construction BMPs for the project, and show the location of each BMP on a map. Also, the SWPPP shall describe the agency or parties responsible for the long-term maintenance of these BMPs. Under the Proposed Project, the SWPPP would apply only to Proposed Project construction area and not the initial Auburn Dam project construction area. Regarding vegetation at the project site, please refer to Master Response 3.1.5, Project Area River Restoration.