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Environmental Impact Statement  
for Remanded Biological Opinions  
on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation  
of the Central Valley Project  
and State Water Project

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PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

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3 MIKE FORD: Mike Ford with DWR Operations. What  
4 are your thoughts as to the combining processor on the  
5 baseline conditions?

6 SUE FRY: Actually, Mike, stay at the microphone,  
7 because we're here to listen. We're in the beginning of  
8 this process, so we'd like to hear what your thoughts are  
9 on what that should be.

10 MIKE FORD: Well, I don't know if I want to get  
11 into that. But, I guess -- actually, more of a  
12 clarification than a question.

13 Are you doing two separate EIS's or --

14 SUE FRY: We're going to start with one EIS, and  
15 if we get to a point where we need to split into two; one  
16 for Fish and Wild Life Services and one for NMFS --

17 MIKE FORD: Right.

18 SUE FRY: But as we begin this process, we are  
19 starting with one for efficiency and effectiveness.

20 MIKE FORD: Well, the reason I ask is because  
21 obviously how you define baseline will measure the impacts  
22 of the proposed project. And I'm sure just by reading the  
23 headlines they may notice there's been a lot of discussion  
24 or different views expressed about the economic impacts of  
25 BiOps.

1           So I think that question of baseline -- or no  
2 project condition is very important and I just wanted to  
3 share my thoughts with it.

4           SUE FRY: Thank you.

5           You got away without telling me what the proposed  
6 project would be.

7           MIKE FORD: Do I have a suggestion? No, I don't.

8           SUE FRY: So anybody else want to actually speak,  
9 feel free. Well, you can always -- if you're shy, you can  
10 talk directly to the transcriber. Something tells me none  
11 of you are that shy, though. Or you can always submit  
12 your comments via e-mail directly to Janice, via e-mail,  
13 snail mail or by fax. And handouts are in the back and in  
14 the notice of intent.

15           So I guess --

16           Thank you.

17           REBECCA AKROYD: Rebecca Akroyd, San Luis  
18 Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Westlands Water District.

19           One thing, sounds like you're open to hearing  
20 input, and we know a lot of members in the service area of  
21 the Authority and Westlands have a lot of input in the  
22 comments they'd like to offer. So we'd request -- I don't  
23 know if it's possible -- an additional scoping meeting  
24 somewhere in the West Side, San Joaquin Valley. Obviously  
25 a lot of them are down there and haven't been able to make

1 it to the meetings.

2 SUE FRY: We've already sent your management an  
3 e-mail to let them know there will be another meeting on  
4 May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Los Banos Community Center.  
5 So I'm disappointed you didn't get that message because it  
6 was sent to quite a few people.

7 REBECCA AKROYD: Thank you.

8 SUE FRY: But we'll make sure it gets some more  
9 people and hopefully we have your e-mail address now, too.

10 We will be here till 4:00 because other people  
11 may come in that actually want to make additional  
12 comments. So we'll be here until 4:00. If you think of  
13 something you'd like to let us know, we're going to be  
14 here.

15 All right. Well, I guess that's that, then.  
16 Thanks for coming. The shortest scoping meeting ever.

17 GWEN BUCHHOLZ: But at least we got one comment.  
18 And it was the most well-attended.

19 SUE FRY: We appreciate you coming.

20 (Thereupon the public comment session concluded  
21 at 2:23 P.M.)

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