

THE ENVIRONMENTAL WATER ACCOUNT

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3 MS. TEGELMAN: I'm Donna Tegelman. I'm a
4 regional resources manager for the Bureau of
5 Reclamation in Sacramento. I'll be serving as the
6 hearing officer today for this. Our intent, of course,
7 is to facilitate our compliance with the National
8 Environmental Policy Act and to hear any concerns or
9 recommendations that you may have.

10 We'll be accepting comments on the draft EIS/EIR
11 orally this evening. And that's where you would have
12 to fill out a speaker's card. You can -- in addition
13 to speaking orally, you can submit your comments in
14 writing. At the same time, please indicate that you
15 are going to on the card submit written comments.

16 We'll be sure the comments are appended to the card.

17 We also have comment sheets, and I think one
18 person is using them right now, and that's good. So if
19 you have any comments that you want to leave with us
20 this evening, please feel free to do so. And Sam
21 Cervantes is a good person to give those comments to.

22 One thing to remember that we do need to have
23 your written comments by close of business Monday,
24 September 15. It's a pretty sacrosanct day, so please
25 try and keep that in mind. We will certainly try to

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1 honor -- give, you know, proper deference to all of
2 your comments and we will be responding to those.

3 I would like to call any speakers we have to the
4 podium at this time to provide their comments. At this
5 time, we have no blue cards submitted, so I would like
6 to make a last call for anybody. Who would like to do
7 that?

8 It appears there are no takers. So I would like
9 to thank you all for coming to the meeting. I think it
10 was very helpful even if we didn't have formal
11 comments.

12 MR. KINNEAR: Would you care to acknowledge
13 the agencies representatives from the public interest?

14 MS. TEGELMAN: Yes. Thank you.

15 This evening we have representatives from a
16 number of agencies. Barbara McDonald is representing
17 the Department of Water Resources.

18 And I would like to say at this time that this is
19 also a SEQA public hearing as well.

20 Excellent. We'll have to edit our
21 comments, okay. And let's see, Brian you're with --

22 MR. KINNEAR: Brian Kinnear of NOAA Fisheries.

23 MS. TEGELMAN: Scott Cantrell is here from
24 California Fish and Game. And we also have Sammie
25 Cervantes from the Bureau of Reclamation. She's the

1 one putting together both the workshops and the
2 hearing. And Tim Rust, also the Bureau of Reclamation,
3 who you obviously have met further this evening.

4 Do the rest of you want to introduce yourselves
5 in case anybody didn't hear, name and --

6 MR. SUTTON: Jeff Sutton with Family Water
7 Line.

8 MR. BIRK: And Serge Birk, Valley Project
9 Water Association. S-e-r-g-e. B-i-r-k.

10 MR. BOYD: Lance Boyd with the Princeton
11 Codora-Glenn and Provident Irrigation District.

12 MS. TEGELMAN: And also Arkin Salas is here.
13 Great. I think we've got everybody's name on the
14 record. Good, okay. I think that formally concludes
15 our process here and I think it was really helpful. It
16 wasn't large in quantity, but excellent in quality.

17 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded.)

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