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if a compromise, I think that maybe having this four-month in bringing money to our community — which is what we dearly need, and being a businessman in this community we need all of the money we can get in this community and we are now kind of a recreational-based community. So I would recommend that you would go with IA.

Thank you.

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24 25 CHRIS PROUD: Thank you.

Our next speaker is Bill Heins and then Dave Meurer.

BILL HEINS: My name is Bill Heins. I don't represent fisherman. I don't represent farmers. I would like to bring up one point: You have a real credibility problem. Your EIS/EIR is done by people who have vested interest, they have things in mind, and they all have agendas.

I know that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has had a little problem with the Canadian length (phonetic), which they salted the hairs on and brought them into the United States and claimed they were endangered and wanted to shut everything down.

I know they have some problems in Klamath Falls as far as the fish in the water and amount of water they needed.

Since that time, they decided that wasn't true and that their EIS and EIR was wrong. That credibility kind of comes over into what you're trying to do.

I am in favor of 1A, I think the people are. If you look around, these are people looking at you are not fish.

Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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And, if you have to prioritize people, they have to be above fish, food aught to come next because without the food there will be no people, and under those priorities it seems to me you want to look at what the people want first, what the

farmers want second, and what the fish want third.

As far as endangered species go, we would — are all up to our necks in Tyrannosaurs Rex if species didn't come and go as a natural involvement of nature. I am not saying the fish should go, but what I am saying is I have been to Coleman Hatchery when the fish were dieing because no one took the row out. I know that also the fish that were raised in hatchery carries a disease which is killing the wild fish, which I haven't heard anyone talk about.

I would like you to really seriously consider this.

Now, the rule or the things that I have heard is that this is already a done deal and that you have already made a decision of what you want to do out there and so this is an opportunity to let people come and vent and then once they have vented you will go and do what you want to do. What I want to do is urge you not to do that. I would like you to consider what is being said here and what the people want.

CHRIS PROUD: The next speaker is Dave Meurer.

DAVE MEURER: Thank you. I am Dave Meurer, I represent United States Congressman Wally Herger.

Several years ago at the height of the timber wars there was a lot of problems with the forest service regarding

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The issue of diseases in hatchery fish affecting wild fish and operations at CNFH are not directly relevant to the purpose of the proposed project, namely, improvement of fish passage conditions or reliability of water supplies from diversion at RBDD. Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No further response is required.

At this time, TCCA and Reclamation are moving forward with building a pumping plant at the project site to meet agricultural water demands and alleviate water supply reliability issues. As of November 2007, the selected project includes a pumping facility with a maximum capacity of 2,500 cfs. Reclamation anticipates a gates-in period between July 1 and the end of Labor Day weekend; TCCA has no position on changes to gate operations.

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the spotted owl. We had a very significant leader in the State of California from the agency fish model service (phonetic) who sat in Farmer's Chico district office and told a group of staffers that had we known then what we know now, we could have made a very credible case for not listing the spotted owl of northern California. I know that was just as a cautionary thing, that they were wrong, but the very conservative approach they took had major implications for the people of the second congressional district.

I guess our urging here tonight is to do something that does not require a technical fix. You know, to take down the dams, to open the gates to do the least environmentally damaging or altering alternative.

California, as we know it, would not exist without reclamation process. We need the EPIA (phonetic), the Shasta Dam, we need the conveyance system. California could not be in the state that we are today without the technical changes that we have made. The issue before us is how to make that work best. We believe in reclamation, we believe we have solutions. There are going to be impacts. We impact wildlife, but we need to live here. We need to have a tourism industry. We have an ag industry. We have people to feed, we have stuff to do here and we belong here.

My charge tonight from my boss is: Let's find a way that we can bring to bear the resources and engineering resources, the technical resources to come up with a linear

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situation. These folks have a lot of credibility with us, we had them testify for us in several capacities. We would like a point-by-point response to the issues that we raise

I guess in closing, again, we are urging the agencies to understand that you have to take a look and ask yourself simply: What is going to maximize my particular project, you know, my particular interest? Transportation agencies, "We want to have the least possible amount of highway deaths. We could impose a 25 mile an hour speed limit on the freeways; we are not going to do that, because the consequences would be preposterous."

We have been hammered really hard here. We are looking for a win-win not a win-lose. Thank you.

comment portion of the hearing tonight. We appreciate your comment portion of the hearing tonight. We appreciate your coming out and speaking here tonight and at this point if you would like to make additional comments that you were not able to make here tonight or get up in front of the crowd, feel free to place that on a comment sheet and drop it into the comment box in the back. It will be addressed as any comments made here tonight. Those comments will be addressed in our next phase of the environmental document, which is the final environmental, and that is due out in Spring of 2003 tentatively. So that is the next phase of the process and we'll keep you all in informed as we move along.

311-87 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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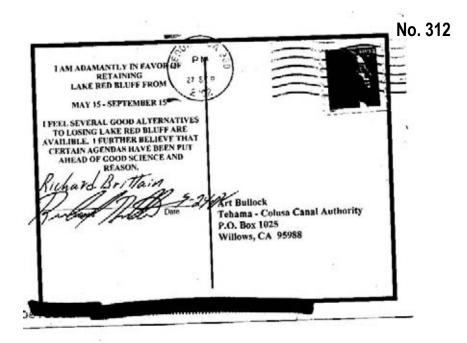
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## So, we appreciate you coming out tonight and thank you ---000---

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#### 1 COURT REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE 2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA ss. COUNTY OF TEHAMA 5 6 7 I hereby certify that on September 25, 2002 I took down in shorthand the hearing had in the case entitled Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Fish Passage Improvement 10 Project at the Red Bluff Diversion Dam heard at the Red Bluff 11 Community Center, Red Bluff, California, County of Tehama, appearing in the foregoing transcript, consisting of Pagen 1 through 65. That I thereafter transcribed said shorthand notes 14 into print; that the foregoing transcript contains a full, 15 16 true, and correct record and statement of all proceedings 17 taken in said matter at said times in said Court. 18 I certify under penalty of perjury that the 19 foregoing is true and correct. (2015.5 C.C.P.) 20 21 Executed at: Red Bluff, California 22 Dated: October 8, 2002 23 24 25 CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER CALIFORNIA LICENSE NO. 11549 26

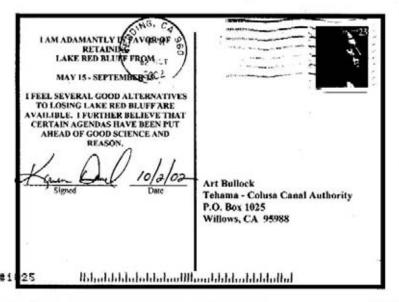
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# Postcards from Richard Brittain, Dated September 24, 2002 and Shirley L. Timbres, Dated October 2, 2002

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# Postcards from Karen Daniel, Dated October 2, 2002, and Virginia E. Pugbee, Dated October 7, 2002

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# Flyers from David Hubbard, Dated September 25, 2002 and Rex Parker, Dated September 24, 2002

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# Flyers from Cathy Hubbard, Dated September 25, 2002 and Thomas F. Gaumer, Dated October 2, 2002

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# Flyers from Wanda Rodriguez, Dated September 23, 2002 and Jodie Anderson, Dated October 8, 2002

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# Flyers from Vernon Joe Gaylord, Jr., Dated October 1, 2002 and Victor M. Torres, Dated October 1, 2002

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- 323-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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Yes Mr. Bullock, I have chosen to support alternative 12 endorsed by the Red Bluff City Council in its resolution adopted on May 7, 2002. I believe this alternative will serve in the best interest of all parties involved. You may accept and count this notice as my vote for alternative 12.

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# Flyers from Natalia L. Torres, Dated October 1, 2002 and Jack Anderson, Dated October 8, 2002

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## Flyers from Jessica Gantenbein, Dated October 7, 2002 and Terese Ehrensuard, Dated October 8, 2002

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## Flyers from Margaret A. Whittier, Dated October 3, 2002 and Shirley Reid, Dated October 1, 2002

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# Flyers from Eugenie Ponthier, Dated October 1, 2002 and Kathleen DeTore, Dated September 30, 2002

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# Flyers from Debra L. Clinger, Dated September 27, 2002 and Linda Holverstrott, Dated September 26, 2002

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# Flyers from Neva Gieijsbeek, Dated September 26, 2002 and Irene Boyer, Dated September 26, 2002

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- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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# Flyers from Mary Dietrich, Dated September 26, 2002 and Karin Hooton, Dated September 27, 2002

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## Flyers from Susan Reedy, Dated September 27, 2002 and Charna Egle, Dated October 1, 2002

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## Flyers from Dianne Gaumer, Dated September 30, 2002 and Susan Conway, Dated September 30, 2002

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# Flyers from Velma A. Trujillo, Dated October 1, 2002 and Gertrude Crossman, Dated October 1, 2002

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# Flyers from Sharon Paquin, Dated September 1, 2002 and Kellie McFate, Dated October 2, 2002

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Michelle Ashurst Gaumer
Name (Please Print)

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# Flyers from Kelly Diel, Dated October 8, 2002 and Michelle Ashurst Gaumer, Dated October 8, 2002

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Winston H. Hickox Agency Secretary California Environmental Protection Agency

#### Department of Toxic Substances Control



Gray Davis

Edwin F. Lowry, Director 8800 Call Center Drive Sacramento, California 95826-3200

October 9, 2002

Mr. Art Bullock Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority 5513 Highway 162 Willows, California 95988

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT THE RED BLUFF DIVERSION DAM (SCH#2002042075)

Dear Mr. Bullock:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the document referenced above and has the following comment. After reviewing our hazardous substances site database (Calsites), we have identified sites in the immediate area (list enclosed). DTSC has not done an evaluation to determine whether any of these sites could impact the subject project. DTSC recommends that the draft EIR/EIS be amended to include a discussion on hazards/hazardous materials if the project may be impacted by a hazardous substances release site.

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If you have any questions, please contact me by email at <u>tmiles@dtsc.ca.gov</u> or telephone at (916) 255-3710.

Sincerely,

Tim Miles

Tim Miles Hazardous Substances Scientist

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## Letter from Department of Toxic Substances Control, Dated October 9, 2002

The DEIS/EIR, along with subsequent analysis, considered sites included on the commentor's enclosed list. The Mill Site includes lands owned by Pactiv and previous holdings of Diamond Land Corporation. These sites have been evaluated for occurrences of toxic substances and will be subject to mitigation as outlined in DEIS/EIR Section 3.7.3.

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## Letter from Department of Toxic Substances Control, Continued

Mr. Art Bullock October 9, 2002 Page 2

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## Email from Bob Madgic, Dated October 10, 2002

Subj: Red Bluff Diversion Dam

Date: 10/10/2002 1:53:12 PM Pacific Standard Time From: BDMadgic

To: Towalerman

#### Dear Mr. Bullock,

I strongly arge that the Diversion Dam at Red Blaff be open twelve months a year to provide for the most optimum has passege to the upper reaches of the Sacramento River. This river needs to be restored as much as possible of the 18 network regime. The Diversion Dam and artificial label that I has created for narrow recreational interests are not consistent with the tar greater need to support migratory list runs, which for the past century ware given secondary status to private interests that benefitied a few. Now we know have interestant has a first nars are, not only to the natural world, but also to the broad economic and cultural interests that benefit from these runs. Plottes each and implement other avenues for the Red Blaff community to pursue their periodic recreation. Raising the dam at a few selective times might be pursued. But, overall, the health of the river and its inhabitants take procedence since in the final analysis this is what will benefit the greatest number of people, including the clizens of Red Bluff, who once ugant, will have a Desubtul river flowing reachy.

6412 Clear View Dr. Anderson, GA 366-5852 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

Thursday, October 10, 2002 America Online: Tewaterman

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Subj: Duplicate submittal, in case

Date: 10/12/2002 10:53:29 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: pike@snowcrest.net
To: towaterman@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Datails)

Albention: Mr. Art Bullock, General Manager Tehama-Coluse Conal Authority P.O. Box 1025 Willow, CA 95988

RE: Written Comment on the Draft EIS/EIR for the Fish Passage Improvement Project published in the Federal Register on August 30, 2002.

Dear Mr. Bullock

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Monday, October 14, 2002 America Online: Tewaterman

#### Email from Marshall Pike, Dated October 12, 2002

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See Thematic Response No. 2. Under ESA, NMFS considers the viability of salmon and steelhead as characterized by their abundance, productivity, spatial structure, and genetic/behavioral diversity. It incorporates the concept that high abundance of hatchery salmon, alone, is not adequate to demonstrate viability of a distinct population segment (DPS) of a salmon species. (NMFS uses the ESU to identify a salmon DPS, but retains DPS for steelhead.) NMFS's 1993 interim policy on artificial propagation of Pacific salmon stated that hatchery fish in an ESU should be listed only if they were deemed to be essential to the survival of that population. The judge in the Alsea decision ruled that any hatchery population that is part of the same ESU as a listed wild population must also be listed under ESA. Following that ruling, NMFS decided to modify the previous hatchery policy so it would conform with the Alsea ruling. Since the ruling in 2001, NMFS released its revised draft hatchery listing policy in June 2004, held public meetings and took comments on the draft, and published the final policy in June 2005. The policy follows careful scientific review of both hatchery and naturally spawning fish, and carefully considers the risks and potential benefits of hatcheries to the primary goal of recovering naturally spawning species. In regards to hatchery listing policy, the specific species affected by the RBDD project are two salmon species, winter-run and spring-run Chinook, and steelhead. For Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, which includes the hatchery fish from the Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery, the NMFS Biological Review Team (BRT) concluded that the hatchery component of the species is local, native, and has a substantial proportion of natural-origin broodstock, with minimal genetic divergence. The BRT in its review found that the main concern for the recovery of this species is its lack of diversity within its ESU. The population represents a single population that has been displaced from its historical habitat into an artificial habitat created and maintained by a dam (Shasta/Keswick). The BRT concluded that the population has been removed from the environment that it evolved and this affects its long-term prospect for survival. For Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, the BRT determined from genetic studies that neither the Feather River Hatchery population nor the Feather River population are consistent

#### **Email from Marshall Pike, Continued**

350-1, cont'd with the other populations of spring-run Chinook within the ESU. Furthermore, the "spring-run" Chinook salmon populations in the Sierra Nevada eco-region are supported by these Feather River and Feather River Hatchery populations. The remaining spring-run Chinook populations of the southern Cascades Mountains are small, self-supporting runs primarily from three watersheds: Mill, Deer, and Butte Creeks. The ESU, therefore, does not include the Feather River Hatchery population, but includes those populations from the southern Cascades eco-region and may or may not include Feather River populations spawning within the river, depending on the interpretation of the genetic analysis conducted to date. The BRT expressed concern that true spring-run Chinook ESU salmon could potentially interact with Feather River Hatchery "spring-run" Chinook, and that those small populations in the southern Cascade Mountains are from streams close together geographically, thus increasing their vulnerability to catastrophe. For Central Valley steelhead, the BRT has determined, as a working hypothesis, that the ESU for this species includes all anadromous and resident populations downstream of major dams that act to block anadromy, including Shasta Dam on the Sacramento River. Since 1998, all hatchery steelhead have been marked with an adipose fin clip mark, making them discernable following their release from the hatcheries. The BRT is concerned about the continued decline in total abundance and the proportion of wild fish in the California Central Valley, and views the anadromous life history form as a critical component of diversity within the ESU. Furthermore, the BRT team expressed concern with the significant production of out-of-ESU steelhead by the Nimbus Hatchery on the American River and the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery. Steelhead from the CNFH and Feather River Hatchery are categorized as stocks founded from a local, native population in the watershed in which they are found and, therefore, are grouped within the Central Valley steelhead ESU. Those steelhead from the Nimbus and Mokelumne hatcheries are not part of the ESU.

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Yes, CNFH on Battle Creek (tributary to the Sacramento River near Anderson) currently has an annual production goal of 200,000 winter-run Chinook salmon smolts. Recent (brood-year 1998-release for 1999) production was 153,000 smolts (CDFG/NMFS, 2001).

#### **Email from Marshall Pike, Continued**

- 350-3 Yes, Feather River Hatchery on the Feather River (tributary to the Sacramento River near Oroville) currently has an annual production goal of 5,000,000 spring-run Chinook salmon smolts. Recent (broodyear 1998-release for 1999) production was 1,850,000 smolts (CDFG/NMFS, 2001).
- 350-4 Yes, CNFH currently has an annual production goal of 12,000,000 fall-run Chinook salmon smolts. Recent (brood-year 1998-release for 1999) production was 13,030,993 fall-run Chinook salmon smolts and 755,073 fry (CDFG /NMFS, 2001). Note: The fall-run fry release program was discontinued after the 1999 release (CDFG/NMFS, 2001). Feather River Hatchery currently has an annual production goal of 6,000,000 fall-run Chinook salmon smolts, 2,000,000 postsmolts, and 750,000 fry. Recent (brood-year 1998-release for 1999) production was 7,921,787 smolts, 2,098,920 post-smolts, and 500,000 fry (CDFG/NMFS, 2001). Nimbus Hatchery (on the American River, tributary to the Sacramento River in Sacramento) currently has an annual production goal of 4,000,000 fall-run Chinook salmon smolts and an additional 4,000,000 fall-run Chinook salmon eggs for the Mokelumne River Hatchery. Recent (brood-year 1998-release for 1999) production was 4,486,000 smolts, 243,808 smolts for ocean net pens, and 200,680 fingerlings for the Mokelumne River Hatchery (CDFG/NMFS, 2001). Mokelumne River Hatchery (tributary to the Sacramento River-San Joaquin River Delta) currently has a production goal of 1,000,000 smolts, 2,000,000 post-smolts, and 500,000 yearlings. Recent (brood-year 1998-release for 1999) production was 1,000,000 smolts, 1,600,000 post-smolts, and 422,000 yearlings (CDFG/NMFS, 2001). The Merced Hatchery (on the Merced River tributary to the San Joaquin River) has an annual production goal of 960,000 fall-run smolts or up to 300,000 yearlings depending on adult returns. Recent (brood-year 1998-release for 1999) production was 913,329 smolts (CDFG /NMFS, 2001).

#### **Email from Marshall Pike, Continued**

350-5 Yes, CNFH currently has an annual production goal of 1,000,000 late-fall-run Chinook salmon smolts. Recent (brood-year 1998release for 1999) production was 1,102,540 late-fall-run Chinook salmon smolts (CDFG /NMFS, 2001). 350-6 Yes, CNFH currently has an annual production goal of 600,000 steelhead smolts. Recent (brood-year 1998-release for 1999) production was 496,525 steelhead smolts (CDFG/NMFS, 2001). Feather River Hatchery currently has an annual production goal of 450,000 steelhead yearlings. Recent (brood-year 1998-release for 1999) production was 345,810 yearlings (CDFG/NMFS, 2001). Nimbus Hatchery currently has an annual production goal of 430,000 yearlings. Recent (brood-year 1998-release for 1999) production was 400,060 smolts (CDFG/NMFS, 2001). Mokelumne River Hatchery currently has a production goal of 100,000 steelhead yearlings raised from eggs and fry from Nimbus and Feather River Hatcheries. Recent (brood-year 1998-release for 1999) production was 102,440 yearlings (CDFG/NMFS, 2001). 350-7 No, green sturgeon are not currently raised in any hatchery on the

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## **Email from Marshall Pike, Continued**

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PS. This duplicates a submittal on the web page since I could not ge verification that the submittal had been received.			350-11	Sacramento River winter-run and Central Valley spring-run
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Monday, October 14, 2002 America Online: Tewaterman

Subj: Red Bluff Diversion Dam

Date: 10/12/2002 12:32:24 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: skfremier@ucdavis.edu
To: towaterman@aol.com
Sont from the Internet (Datails)

#### Dear Project Manager,

I have been living in this state my entire life. In fact, I am a fifth and sift generation Californian. I have seen, read and heard of the many failed and successful river management projects on the Sacramento River.

I am currently studying the effects of bank revetment end dem construction on the aquatic, injertain and floodplain environments. Because of this work, I understand both the environmental and enthropocearing goals of river management. However, what I do not understand is how recreational goals, such as boating, swimming, water skiing etc., have more somehow claimed to be important than environmental stability and flood management.

The decision for this project should first rest on the ecological health and the safety of people within her reach. Too many highly engineered projects in the valley have falled as result of poor planning. Please think about the motives for this project thoroughly.

Concerned Davis resident for the ecological health of the Sacramento River,

Alexander K. Fremier

## Email from Alexander K. Fremier, Dated October 12, 2002

351-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

## Email from Richard Thomas, Dated October 13, 2002

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Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

Subj: Gates Out Date: 10/13/2002

10/13/2002 4:47:38 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: randithomas@sbcglobal.net To: towaterman@aol.com Sent from the Internet (Details)

I support the Gates Out Alternative.

We must do what we can to restore our California fishers to their historic robust condition. In this case it appears we can accomplish a great deal without a significant downside. 352-1

Richard Thomas 10066 Robinson King Road Nevada City, CA 95959

## **Email from American Land Conservancy, Dated October 14, 2002**

Subj: Sacramento River

Date: 10/14/2002 9:23:48 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Patrick@alcnet.org
To: towaterman@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

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As a both a fly fisherman and an environmentalist, I am highly supportive of any efforts to remove obstacles to fish migration in the Secremento River. The Sacramento River has been reduced from a magnificent river that should support one of the worlds largest runs of selmon to a fast flowing canal. Please do everything you can to help restore this magnificent fishery.

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Project Associate American Land Conservancy 1388 Sutter St, Suite 810 San Francisco, CA 94109 353-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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#### Letter from Ron Cathcart, Dated October 6, 2002

Art Bullock/Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority

October 6, 2002

P O Box 1025 Willow, Ca. 95988

Dear Mr. Bullock:

When I was in Red Bluff January 2002 looking for my retirement home, so I could return to my roots I spoke with you, Mr. Bullock, on the phone about the future of Red Bluff Lake.

You were so informative and polite. I appreciated your input.

Having lived in the "southland" I have seen the destruction of beautiful acres by the development industry. Only bomes, with man made ponds and golf courses, seem to count, especially in the San Diego area.

Mr. Bullock, this battle is not about water for farmers or fish. It is ultimately about water for over-grown, over-populated gross, which have no true growth plans.

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The Bay area, Southern California, and now slowly the San Joaquain Valley will strip every ounce of water from the northern area, if the north does not say enough is enough. Now is the time to say NO MORE.

The city of San Diego has only enough water, on their own, to support a population of 35,000. Yet San Diego County recently approves a development for 23,000 more homes. San Diego's population is over one million.

San Diego recently bragged about getting 800,000 gallons of water from the Sacramento River!

Presently the farmers of Imperial Valley, in the low desert, are selling their water rights to San Diego County, so that more development of homes can take place. The ranchers are giving up their water because it is more lucrative then farming.

At this time, water is sent to Southern California via the state and federal pumping plants located near Tracy. If fish passage were not an issue, the RBDD gates could be lowered and water could be diverted 12 months per year into the TC and Corning Canals using existing infrastructure. The EIS/EIR does not address water transfers to Southern California because such transfers would be wheeled via the Delta pumping plants, and all Sacramento River water (whether diverted via TCCA or not) ends up in the Delta. This project will not determine water transfers to Southern California.

#### Letter from Ron Cathcart, Continued

Water is what this is all about in the removal of the Red Bluff dam. It is not about fish or farmers. It is about development.

Red Bluff will be sacrificed to not help rancher "Bob" in Williams, but to help the over grown cities expand even more.

Lets all fight for our water, our city and our county. Please help us.

Sincerely

Ron Cathcart

130 Agua Verdi Drive Red Bluff, ca. 96080

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----Original Message---From: mailto\_cgi@www.tecafishpassage.org
[mailto\_cgi@www.tecafishpassage.org]
Sent: Honday, October 14, 2002 5:09 PM
To: Waldrop, Heather/RDD
Subject: MAILTO.GGI FORM DATA

name = Ryan Hoover
email = hooverrl@yahoo.com Dear Mr. Bullock:

Thank you for seeking public comment in response to the Red Bluff Diversion Dam Fish Passage Improvement Project DEIR/EIS.

I strongly support Alternative 3 the "Gates Out" alternative. Alternative 3 provides 100% effective fish passage for threatened and endangered salmon, steelhead, and other fish species. No other alternative provides the level of fish passage that meets the intent of the Endangered Species Act and other state and federal laws.

Potential economic impacts to Red Bluff could be mitigated by lowering the gates for the summer drag boat racing event. Other visual, recreational, and property value impacts will be mitigated as the river naturally revegetates. Sacramento and Redding benefit greatly from the rivers flowing through their communities, as will Red Bluff once the river is restored.

Please inform me of your decision concerning this important manner.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hoover Submit = Send

#### Email from Ryan Hoover, Dated October 14, 2002

Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

Thank you for your comment. Throughout the public process and comment periods, discussions have been ongoing to determine if an alternative could be considered that would allow for the Nitro Nationals event to be held. Several issues would need to be addressed to lower the RBDD gates for this specific event, including sturgeon-run timing considerations, cost of maintaining RBDD solely for this event, and the inability to reschedule the event because of the nature of the racing circuit. Although the selected project does not include a gates-in period during Memorial Day weekend, a request for this operation will be submitted to NMFS if gate operations were to change.

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Sent: Monday, October 14, 2002 7:45 AM
TO: Waldrop, Heather/RDD
Subject: MAILTO.CGI FORM DATA

name - Nora Moore Jimenez email - norammj $\theta$ yahoq.com I, as an interested individual, support the Improvement Project at RHBD as well as the stated goals to:

Substantially improve the long-term ability to pass anadromous fish and other species
of concern both upstream and downstream, past RBDD.

 Substantially improve the long-term ability to reliably and cost-effectively move sufficient water into the Tehama-Colusa Canal and Corning Canal systems to meet the needs of the water districts served by the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority.

Sincerely, Nora Moore Jimenez 9 Pendegast St. Woodland, CA 95695 530-668-4643

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#### **Email from Nora Moore Jimenez, Dated October 14, 2002**

Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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name = Marshall Pike email = pike@#minwcrest.net comments = Attention: Mr. Art Bullock, General Manager Tehama-Coluse Canal Authority P.O. Box 1025 Willow, CA 95988

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#### My questions follow:

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Are spring-run Chinook salmon currently raised at any hatchery on the Sacramento River or any other tributaries to the San Francisco Delta complex? If so where?

Are fall-run Chinook salmon currently raised at any hatchery on the Sacramento River or any other tributaries to the San Francisco Delta complex? If so where?

Are late fall-run Chinook salmon currently raised at any hatchery on the Sacramento River or any other tributaries to the San Francisco Delta complex? If so where?

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Email from Marshall Pike, Dated October 12, 2002

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7. Are split-tail currently raised at any hatchery on the Sacramento River or any other tributaries to the San Francisco Delta complex? If so where?

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9. Are pacific lamprey currently raised at any hatchery on the Sacramento River or any other tributaries to the San Francisco Delta complex? If so where?

10. What species of Chinook salmon, present in the Sacramento River or any other tributaries to the San Francisco Delta complex, are included in the re-evaluation of listing based on this ruling?

Thank you for your attention to these questions.

Signed, Marshall Pike Subwit - Send

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**Email from Marshall Pike, Continued** 

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#### Hi. I'm The Sacremento River

I was wondering if I could talk to you for just a few minutes. I could really use your help right now with a problem I'm having. Ordinarily I wouldn't ask for your help, but I figured since I have served you well in the past, you might help me just this one time. To October to fix this problem.

All of the state and federal agencies agree that its time to stop darming me, after almost forty years. The Red Bluff Diversion Dam is the most significant problem for fish but here is the problem.

There are a few money grubbers up here in Red Bluff, California, who want to continue domning me, and by doing this, more salmen and other migratory fish will die, and I'll keep suffering right along, unable to help my friends. These people will tell you that this years run is just dandy, but they won't tell you that its a three year cycle, and this year is as good as it ever gets!

Another thing they won't tell you is, without the dam, a few local yocals can't make a whole bunch of money, selling alcohol, concessions, and tickets for some stupid hoat drags. They want you to believe that without the dam the whole town will suffer economically, truth is that the average citizen in Red Bluff doesn't make one red cent off the dam. So these fine upstanding citizens are spending money to lobby the local people and agencies to keep the dam, damming me. Well, what about me

and agencies to keep the dam, damming me. Well, what about me.

I'm the Sacramento River. I'm the largest river in California. I'm the one that helps
the most in the delta and the bay, I give your fish a place to spewm and return to the
ocean. What happens to me directly effects what happens out in the ocean. I don't have to
tell you that commercial and sport fishing has gone to hell. Mey, I wonder if there is
some correlation between me being dammed in Red Bluff and you or your kids not being able
to catch very many fish.

If you listen to the local yocals in Red Bluff they'll tell you its your fault that the fish numbers are down, because of your overfishing. Of course they don't want you to know about their little drag boat gold mine, because than you might want to e-mail the National Marine Fisheries Service, and tell them your mad as hell and your not going to take this crap anymore, Or you might want to e-mail the Bureau of Reclamation, about where they can stick the Red Bluff Diversion Dam. Or the least you should do is visit the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority website( www.tccafishpasage.org). There you can learn just how had the diversion dam has been to me, and tell them you vote for the gates out all the time, and they had better put an end to the dam or else your really gonna get mad.

The local yocals have gathered over 7500 signatures from alcohol breathing, boat drag fans, and they are using them as votes. Remember, I only have until October 30th. To win this pitched battle, you need to vote! If you want to help me, the Sacramento River, and my magnificent migratory fish runs, you need to get up, and make your voice heard now!

Thanks For Your Time,

The Sacramento River

p/s. Please tell all of your friends to comment and vote on the www.tccafishpassage.org website. You have a chance to free the largest river in California, and restore a world class sigratory fish run, and it won't cost you a cent.
Please let me know if you voiced your support by e-mailing my assistant, danimal@tco.net.

Thanks Again, The Sacramento River

C/o Dan Miller Red Bluff, CA. 96080 (530)527-5697

#### **Letter from Dan Miller**

Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted.

No response is required.

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#### Letter from Chuck DeJournette, Dated October 20, 2002

359-1 See Response to Comment 311-72.

359-2 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

#### RED BLUFF FISHERIES FORUM

Max Stodolski U.S. Bureau of Reclamation P.O. Box 59 Rod Bluff, Ca. 96080

Dear Moc

These are notes of meeting discussions of the past years in the forum

The logical solution relative to Red Bluff Diversion Dam, and the fishery problems it is causing, is to replace it with a pumping plant to deliver water to the Teluma-Colum Canal and to the Corning Canal pumping plant. In this way, agriculture will have sufficient water, and the fisheries will have a chance to survive.

Published reports show that Red Bluff Diversion Dam is causing serious losses among Secremento River salmon and steellnesd. Adult salmon that approach the Dam, on their way upstream to spawn, are delayed from one to ferty days before passing, and 26 percent that approach the dam are never able to pass. The Dam has also prevented other species, including striped bass and sturgeon, from reaching areas they formerly inhabited upstream from Red Bluff. In addition, forty six percent of the juvenile salmon and 25 percent of the yearling steelhead, that have to pass Red Bluff Diversion Dam on their way to the sea, are lost. These are documented figures based on California Department of Pish and Game research papers.

It has been determined by State and Federal Agencies that when Red Hhalf Diversion. Dam gates are down, forming. Lake Red Hinff, the spawning riffles used by 3,000 salmon would be lost, because the tiffles would be inundated by the lake, and no longer usable. To mitigate for this loss of spawning area, it was initially decided to construct an appropriate artificial spawning channel at the upper end of the Tehama-Colusa Cami). However, it was later decided to increase the spawning area in the artificial spawning channel to accommodate 30,000 estmon and that not only provide misigation for the lost spawning riffles in the take, but also to provide an enhancement facility. The fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Reclamation are to be commended for this decision and effort. The problem is, when the Lake Rod Bluff is now in place, there is still no mitigation for the lost spawning beds, tince the entire spawning channel has been abandoned, and the miligation obligation never fulfilled.

The contorne importance of Sacramento River sulmonid population to the communities adjacent to the Sacramento River, and especially to Red Bluff, which is control in the fighing area is tremendous For example, published Department of Fish and Game study data shows that during one 5 year period, 10,000 steelland sport fishermen were interviewed along the Sacramento River, and were found to be from forty of California's fifty eight Counties. During the five years, anglers had spent 106,000 days fishing, or more than 21,000 a year. The value of the Sacramento River calmon is also considerable since there are more of them and they are caught by sport fishermen in the river as well as by sport and Contamercial fishermen in the Ocean, from Monterey to Washington State. A Sacramento River salmon population of 200,000 would be contributing 400,000 figh to the Ocean Commercial fishery alone, at a normal 2 to 1 catch to occapement ratio.

If Lake Red Bluff adds millions of dollars to Red Bluff economy as claimed by the Red Bluff Chamber of Commerce, those who are benefiting so much financially from the Lake should be willing to micigate for the fishery losser, as well as pay the costs associated with operating the Dam, its fishways and fish counting facilities during periods the Lake might be in place.

Red Bluff Fisheries Forum, Retired

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#### RED BLUFF FISHERIES FORUM

Max Stodatski B O.R. Red Bluff

October 20, 2002

Subject: Red Bluff Lake

Greetings from the great State of Wathlington where I naw live.

I have kept in touch with the problems of Northern Colifornia waters and wildlife management because of any 20 years residence on the Sacramenta River in river mile 239 and the fact that I still resolve many communications from groups I was once associated with. I had a two means with I Red Blaff his part turnment and had the opportunity to visit the Red Blaff Fisherins Forem, which I challed, and a moeting in the County Court House Annex. on challend by 26% Grader and Senger Birk. At the last meeting I attended, An Bullock statisfied to the Work Group that the Tehama Collec Canal Authority would no longer be interested in the Unincial cost of dam gates in place for 4 months when less expensive cost of pumping into the T.C.C. was realistic.

The Red Bluff Lake Interests, I believe, would not be in favor of fenancing "In Gates".

At the time of the much needed CVPJA legislation and the ESA listing of Salmon O.T. as endangered, which I supported, the days of gates in and bank to bank river levels were numbered.

As you may know, I was a member of the USRAC, (Upper Sazramenin River Salmon and Steelihead Advisory Committee) to Cal. Dept. of Fish and Game. I was appointed to this Committee by former Director of CDFG, Jack Parnell in 1985. The 12 members included R. Halkeck, G. Warnett Scott Ferris, and Dan Frost, Chairman. John Hayes, retired, CDFG was Region one coordinates. Our charge was to analyze the State of Cal. W.R. salmon lesting, which proceeded the Fed. listing, as you know. We supported gate openings at RRDD, new screens at GCID, and cold water device at Shagta.

The process has been long and arduous, but the operations at GCID and Red Bluff Diversion are coming atong as is the demise of four months, so called Lake Red Bluff.

It is easy to see that the priority of Federal fisheries in the River must come before the

It is easy to see that the priority of Federal fisheries in the River must come before the catabilishment of the "Lakes" limited value since the normal summer river flows allow besting and recreation.

Perhaps the Drag Boot Asso, could support another Take facility.

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#### Letter from Chuck DeJournette, Continued

359-3 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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10/4/2002

Max Stodolski Bureau of Reclamation P.O. Box 159 Red Bluff, CA 96080

RE: Keeping Lake Red Bluff

I have been following this Diversion Dam removal project for quite some time now. I am not certain, but I think the decisions have already been made. I hope these letter writing opportunities and meetings are not merely ways to patronize the opponents.

I can remember when my grandfather would take me to the Sacramento River before Shasta Dam was operational. The water was so warm, we could swim and catch catfish and bass. The Salmon were in great abundance. Water temperature created by the Diversion Dam is simply not a good argument. I have fished the River regularly before and after the placement of the Diversion Dam; we caught just as many after as we did before. I recall that thousands of Salmon come up the fish ladders per day. At that time, we actually had two major Salmon runs a year, one in March and one in October. Experts now are telling me Salmon forgot how to swim (?) They can't negotiate the ladders (?) Hog wash!

The main reason there are not any Salmon left in the River is because Japanese, Russian, and yes, American, commercial fisherman are raping the Pacific Ocean. Is the Red Bluff Diversion Dam responsible for the depletion of fish runs in the Klamath, Trinity, Rogue, Smith, Columbia and other tributaries?

360-2

l wish I could prove that the main reason for removal is somehow linked up with Southern California ending up with our water.

Give this a lot of thought!

Sincerely,

Mickey Chapin P.O. Box 8850 Red Bluff, CA 96080



#### Letter from Mickey Chapin, Dated October 4, 2002

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There is no denying that salmon do continue to use the existing ladders at RBDD. The abundant run of fall-run Chinook salmon that begins passing RBDD in July is least affected by the gates-in operations. This is due to the timing of their arrival at RBDD, because a large percentage of this run passes the dam following removal of the gates in mid-September, as well as many adults moving through the fish ladders. However, it has been demonstrated in many studies that some portion of salmon and steelhead runs are more adversely affected by the continued presence of RBDD. The mechanisms affecting all the species encountering RBDD are delays in finding the ladders, and blockages caused by the gates-in operation of the dam. For some salmonid runs, e.g., spring-run Chinook salmon, adults might be hindered and delayed by the operations of the gates following their arrival. For this species, the consequences of a delay might contribute to their inability to reach spawning tributaries upstream of RBDD in time for these salmon to enter and migrate into summer holding habitats in their natal streams (e.g., Cottonwood or Clear Creeks). This particular species is listed as threatened in the Sacramento River, and their abundance is extremely low at the present time. Additionally, green sturgeon do not pass through fish ladders that were designed to assist the passage of salmon or steelhead. With the current gates-in operation from mid-May through mid-September, this species is denied access during a large portion of its spawning run in the Sacramento River.

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Central Valley Chinook salmon are harvested in the open ocean and are managed as a mixed-stock fishery by PFMC and NMFS in U.S. territorial waters (out to 200 miles) and CDFG in state waters (within 3 miles). Through this management structure, annual allowable harvests in the ocean are determined and enforced each year depending on pre-season forecast (sampling) of stock strengths. It is unlikely that a significant proportion of Central Valley-origin Chinook salmon are harvested outside of territorial waters of the U.S. Numerous studies of high-seas catches of Chinook salmon have demonstrated that Washington/Oregon/California stocks are insignificant contributors to high seas catches of Chinook salmon. Indications from scientific studies are that Chinook salmon from Washington/Oregon/California origins are mainly distributed within waters of the Eastern Pacific Ocean, primarily from North American continental shelf areas and, therefore, not likely subjected to high seas fishing from foreign nations.

#### Letter from Mickey Chapin, Continued

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The declines in salmon populations from North American rivers are thought to occur from a diverse variety of causes. Generally speaking, the reasons for declining populations are not as a result of a single cause but as a result on several factors adversely affecting their populations. The decline in populations in the Sacramento River are likely as a consequence of many factors in the Central Valley that have adversely affected habitats conditions for anadromous salmonids. These factors included water diversions throughout the Central Valley including not only the RBDD/TC Canal, but other diversions. Factors also include water temperature fluctuations both in the rivers and the Delta; habitat losses and degradation in the rivers and the Delta; industrial, municipal, agricultural, and mining waste discharges; and inadequate instream flows in the rivers and outflows in the Delta. In addition, natural fluctuations in ocean conditions are known to adversely affect salmonids. A list of these same factors are also likely responsible for declines in salmonid populations from other North American rivers, including the Klamath-Trinity, Rogue, Columbia, and others.

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----Original Message---From: mailto\_cgi@www.tccafishpessage.org
[mailto:mailto\_cgi@www.tccafishpessage.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2002 7:48 AM
To: Waldrop, Heather/RDD
Subject: MALUTO.CGI PORM DATA

name = Johnny Dresser
email = zigfried?@yahoo.com
Comment = sirs.....
i feel that alternative \$3 'gates out' is the only choice which will provide 100% mafe
fish passage for the threatened and endangered species. not only do the fish require
straight thru passage upstream, but allowing a free flowing river will remove a barrier to
the juvenile salmon migrating down-river and improve their survival rate. the other
alternatives mentioned are half-measures at best, and at this point we need to get serious
if we're going to ensure the survival of the salmon and steelhead runs. i understand that
some local huminesses in the area are opposed to the 12 month 'gates out' alternative
because of an annual drag boat race which takes place on lake Red Bluff, this concern
could be mitigated by allowing for a two week 'gates in' period during the event. please
take the necessary steps to ensure the suvival of these once-teeming salmon and steelhead
runs. thank you, Johnny Dresser Submit = Send

#### **Email from Johnny Dresser, Dated November 5, 2002**

Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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#### Email from J. Mark Atlas Attorney at Law, Dated September 23, 2002

Figure 3.3-2 is incorrect and has been revised. See figure change in Section 2.0. of this FEIS/EIR.

362-2 Text has been revised to address this comment. See text change in Section 2.0 of this FEIS/EIR.

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From: J. Mark Atlas [mailto:jmatlas@sunset.net] Senti September 23, 2002 4:50 PM To: Urkov, Mike/RDD Ot: Art Bullock (E-mail); Ken LaGrande (E-mail) Subject: RDBB DEIR/DEIS

#### Mike:

I spent a relatively short time (given the length of the doc) reviewing selected parts of the referenced document. Overall it's a great job.

#### A couple of questions/comments:

- 1. Where did the TCCA diversions figure come from in Figure 3.3-2 (that precedes page 3-73? Is that ultimate diversions after one of the alternatives is selected? Have the two canals ever diverted that much water in the past? I only raise this because coeract supply in the service area is around 325KAF, and even accounting for refuge water etc. over and above that, has the service area hit such a high quantity in the past?
- 2. On page 4-2 there's discussion of the CVPIA PEIS, but it's all in the context of the Draft of that document. A Record of Decision was issued in (I believe) January 2001, shortly before the Clinton Administration left office. I don't think that changes the substance of the DEIR/DEIS, but could be updated to reflect status of the PEIS.
- I did not spend the time to review the entire document in detail, but of the sections I did focus on (mainly Water Resources, Recreation and SocioEconomic, along with the Exce Summary, for an overview, and a few of the appendices) these are the points that Jumped out at me.

Obviously these are not critical issues and certainly need no reply from you before Wed. night. On that subject, I'll fwd my email of earlier today to Art alerting him to Save Lake Red Bluff publicity I heard over the weekend on the radio. In that regard, I'm sure you expect a fair amount of emotion about the unfortunately blunt statements about lack of mitigation for loss of recreation, espec the Nitro races.

#### --- Mark

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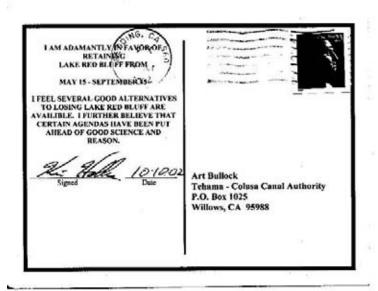
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#### **Email from Dave Ahre, Dated October 31, 2002**

name = David Ahre
email = dahre@attbi.com
Comment = I support the proposal to leave the gates open year round on the RBDD. I believe
that it is in the best intrest of the fish and the environment. The loss of the revenu
from the boat drags will be missed but I feel that it will be recovered by a stronger fish
population and more people using guides and the local business. By leaving the gates open
the American Shad will migrate further up stream and open up more oppertunities for even
more people to enjoy what Red Bluff has to offer. Thank you have ahre Submit = Send

Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

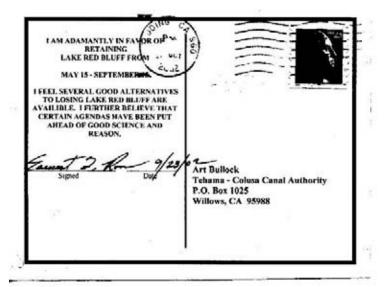
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# Postcards from Kim Hollis, Dated October 10, 2002 and Ernest Ross, Dated September 23, 2002

Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

365-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.



No. 365

## Save our lake, our recreation and our economy!

Yes Mr. Bullock, I have chosen to support alternative 1a endorsed by the Red Bluff City Council in its resolution adopted on May 7, 2002. I believe this alternative will serve in the best interest of all parties involved. You may accept and count this notice as my vote for alternative 1a.

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No. 367

## Save our lake, our recreation and our economy!

Yes Mr. Bullock, I have chosen to support alternative Ia endorsed by the Red Bluff City Council in its resolution adopted on May 7, 2002. I believe this alternative will serve in the best interest of all parties involved. You may accept and count this notice as my vote for alternative Ia.

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## Flyers from Randal Elloway D.D.S., Dated October 16, 2002 and William G. Terle, Dated October 14, 2002

- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- 367-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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## Save our lake, our recreation and our economy!

Yes Mr. Bullock, I have chosen to support alternative <u>1a</u> endorsed by the Red Bluff City Council in its resolution adopted on May 7, 2002. I believe this alternative will serve in the best interest of all parties involved. You may accept and count this notice as my vote for alternative <u>1a</u>.

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## Flyers from Paula F. Terle, Dated October 14, 2002 and Barbara Morton, Dated October 8, 2002

- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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## Save our lake, our recreation and our economy!

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# Flyers from Dave Hubbard, Dated October 8, 2002 and Gerald D. Carpenter, Dated October 9, 2002

- 370-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- 371-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

## Save our lake, our recreation and our economy!

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# Flyers from John H. Feltman, Dated October 10, 2002 and J. J. Price, Dated October 11, 2002

- 372-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- 373-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

## Save our lake, our recreation and our economy!

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## Flyers from Sandra D. Buckner, Dated October 14, 2002 and Sandra J. Dobson, Dated October 14, 2002

- 374-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- 375-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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# Flyers from Nancy Dobbins, Dated October 14, 2002 and Mary Pierce, Dated October 14, 2002

- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- 377-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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## Save our lake, our recreation and our economy!

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## Flyers from Sue Hall, Dated October 15, 2002 and Jane A. Nixon, Dated October 15, 2002

- 378-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- 379-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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# Flyers from Stephen Maynard, Dated October 15, 2002 and Jack Vine, Dated October 4, 2002

- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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#### Save our lake, our recreation and our economy!

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#### Save our lake, our recreation and our economy!

## Flyers from Stacey L. Wobbe, Dated October 15, 2002 and Robert L. Dunbar, D.D.S., Dated October 15, 2002

- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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Yes Mr. Bullock, I have chosen to support alternative 1a endorsed by the Red Bluff City Council in its resolution adopted on May 7, 2002. I believe this alternative will serve in the best interest of all parties involved. You may accept and count this notice as my vote for alternative 1a.

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Name (Please Print)

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# Yes Mr. Bullock, I have chosen to support alternative Ia endorsed by the Red Bluff City Council in its resolution adopted on May 7, 2002. I believe this alternative will serve in the best interest of all parties involved. You may accept and count this notice as my vote for alternative Ia. Suzi W. Houghthy Name (Please Print) Date 19360 Pine Creek Road Address Red Buff Round-Up Association Walker Printing Add Events

# Postcards from Edwin M. Houghtby, Dated October 10, 2002 and Suzie W. Houghtby, Dated October 10, 2002

- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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Yes Mr. Bullock, I have chosen to support alternative 1a endorsed by the Red Bluff City Corincil in its resolution and count this notice as my vote for alternative vill serve in the best interest of all parties involved. You may accept Linda Schmidt

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# Flyers from Dennis W. Schmidt, Dated October 22, 2002 and Linda Schmidt, Dated September 25, 2002

- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
- 387-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

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## Save our lake, our recreation and our economy

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# Flyers from Anthony Kelley, Dated October 17, 2002 and Carmen Kelley, Dated October 17, 2002

- Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.
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**Comment Sheet from Cherry Jenkins** 

#### No. 390 390-1 Riprap rock covering exists in several sections of the river near Fish Passage Improvement Project Red Bluff. It is not know if any or all of this protective rock would be at the Red Bluff Diversion Dam removed. COMMENT SHEET 390-2 As discussed on DEIS/EIR pages 3-313 through 3-315, property Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report values adjacent to the river where the lake is formed are anticipated **Public Hearing** to decrease from operation of Alternative 2A, 2B, or 3, even though September 25, 2002 the properties will continue to have a direct view of the river. In DEIS/EIR Table ES-4, under Socioeconomic, the Gates-out option lists impacts to Fish Runs/Spending/Property Value/Quality of Life 96030 and Community Cohesion as significant. No mitigation is available. The purpose of the DEIS/EIR is to disclose project impact and invite Please add my name to your mailing list public participation, and identify mitigation measure where feasible. To date, no mitigation has been identified that would directly compensate economic impacts. Property taxes are determined by the local assessor. 390-3 See Response to Comment 1-1. 390-4 Answers are provided during the second phase of environmental planning (comment/response period). 390-2 390-3 answering 390-4 (Continued) Submit comments at this meeting or send comments to: Art Bullock/Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, P.O. Box 1025, Willows, CA 95988, Fax 530.934,2355, E-mail tewaterman@aol.com. The public comment period ends November 5, 2002,

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# Fish Passage Improvement Project

#### COMMENT SHEET

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The public comment period ends November 5, 2002.

#### **Comment Sheet from Jack Vine**

391-1 Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

TCCA cannot meet their agricultural water customer needs with the present 4-month operation of RBDD. Before the gates are lowered in May, TCCA must use their CHO to divert water via Stony Creek. This temporary method of delivery will not be allowed by agencies into the future. TCCA is supporting a pump station to improve water supply reliability.

Art Bullock Tehama – Colusa Canal Authority P.O. Box 1025 Willows, CA 95988 October 12, 2002

Re: Red Bluff Diversion Dam-Support of Alternative 3

Dear Mr. Bullock,

All the publicity and controversy regarding the Red Bluff Diversion Dam Alternatives, boils down to one thing – economic value of the lake to the City of Red Bluff. Glaringly missing is the mention of the economic value of the fishery which has been negatively impacted since the Diversion Dam was built. Decreased or possibly lost populations of the 4 runs of salmon would certainly be an economic disaster as well as an ecological catastrophe.

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We support Alternative 3 for the following reasons:

- 1. Increased salmon, steelhead population,
- 2. Return of Sacramento River to a free-flowing river.
- 3. Enhancement of recreational fishing, thus helping economics of city.
- 4. Restoration of riparian habitat along banks of river.
- 5. Riparian plantings attract many species of birds, insects, etc.
- 6. Gravel build-up will be moved down-river.
- More water available with larger pumps (2,180 cfs).
- Trails under trees on banks of river attract people who fish, are birdwatchers, or just enjoy a natural setting beside a great river.

Having a river run right through the City of Red Bluff is an asset which could be capitalized upon. Eliminating the dam is the first step. Look at other cities that have made a river the pride of their city e.g. San Antonio, Sacramento, Yuba City, Bend. The fishery must be protected and enhanced -- Alternative 3 is a beginning.

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Sincerely.

John and Marion McMahon 14905 Rivercrest Lane Red Bluff, CA 96080

(530) 529-3266

cc. Max Stoldoski, Chief of Red Bluff Division of Bureau of Reclamation

#### Letter from John & Marion McMahon, Dated October 12, 2002

Thank you for your comment. Quantifying the positive economic impact of an improved fishery to the local economy would be difficult; however, it is conceivable that there will be one. An improved fishery certainly has a net positive benefit for the local area and the state.

Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

#### Letter from Godie (Harriet) LaFlamme, Dated October 14, 2002

Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted. No response is required.

Godie LaFlamme 2809 Martel Ct. Sacramento, CA 95826

October 14, 2002

Mr. Art Bullock Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority P. O. Box 1025 Willows, CA95988

Dear Art,

I spent 10 years of my life fighting the building of a dam on the infant American River. I spent \$15,000 of my own money and deprived my children of \$15,000 hours of my time and attention. The dam is gone. The river flows freely. I don't feel like doing this all over again, but, let's face it, the Sacramento River is equally important for an equal number of reasons, and my children now have children who will benefit by every attempt to take care of our natural resources.

It is time for us to do the right thing again. This time for the Sacramento and the wildlife it supports. Respect is an easy concept.

Please vote for the "gates out" alternative and let the Sacramento River run freely all year round, except, of course, during the annual drag boat races. Down the road, the Red Bluff business citizens will be pleased with their new, old-fashioned aquatic environment and, eventually, they will feel pride, as I do, that they did the right thing for future generations. We can do this—support the tourism and the river.

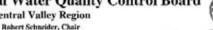
Thank you for supporting the Red Bluff Diversion Dam Alternative 3.

Very truly yours,

Godie (Harrier) LaFlamme

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#### California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region





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Ms. Karen Fowler State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

#### FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT THE RED BLUFF DIVERSION DAM, TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY, STATE CLEARING HOUSE No. # 2002042075

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Fish Passage Improvement Project at the Red Bluff Diversion Dam. The objective of the Fish Passage Improvement Project is to improve the ability of fish to pass through the Red Bluff Diversion Dam, while supplying sufficient water to the Tehama-Colusa and Corning canals. The Draft EIS/EIR compares five alternatives against existing conditions as well as the no action alternative. We have the following comments regarding this project.

#### GENERAL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

- Storm Water Permits. In order to protect water quality during construction activities, appropriate storm water pollution controls will be required during construction. If construction activities result in a land disturbance of five or more acres, the project will need to be covered under the General Construction Storm Water Permit (Order No.99-08-DWQ). If construction activities result in a land disturbance between one and five acres, the project will need to be covered under a Small Construction Storm Water Permit. This permit is effective March 2003. Both permits require that a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) be prepared prior to construction activities. The SWPPP is used to identify potential pollutants (such as sediment and earthen materials, chemicals, building materials, etc...) and to describe best management practices that will be employed at the site to eliminate or reduce those pollutants from entering surface waters. For a storm water permitting package, please contact Scott Zaitz of the Regional Water Quality Control Board office in Redding [(530) 224-4784].
- · 404 Permit and Water Quality Certification. The project proponent may also need to apply for a 404 permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers and a 401 water quality certification from the State Water Resources Control Board. The Federal 404 permit is required for activities involving a discharge (such as fill or dredged material) to waters of the United States. "Waters" include wetlands, riparian zones, streambeds, rivers, lakes, and oceans. Typical activities include any modifications to these waters, such as stream crossings, stream bank modifications, filling of wetlands, etc. These projects also require a water quality certification (per Section 401 of the

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#### Letter from Mey Wong, P.E., California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Dated September 26, 2002

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Clean Water Act) verifying that the project does not violate State water quality standards. The 404 permit and water quality certification must be obtained prior to disturbance. The Army Corps of Engineers contact for Tehama County is Matt Kelley [(916) 557-7724]. The water quality certification application can be obtained from Scott Zaitz of the Regional Water Quality Control Board office in Redding [(530) 224-4784].

- Dewatering Permit. A dewatering permit (Order No. 5-00-175, General Order for Dewatering and Other Low Threat Discharges) may be required for dewatering discharges associated with this project. The dewatering permit is required for the removal of water from excavations, cofferdams, diversions, areas of ponding, etc. that is eventually discharged to a storm drain or surface watercourses. Typical pollutants of concern associated with construction dewatering are settleable material, suspended material, and turbidity. However, this project may involve dewatering activities in the area of the Pactiv Corporation Class III Landfill, and additional constituents of concern above and beyond those normally encountered during most construction projects may be present and affect options for discharging accumulated water. Approval to discharge water accumulated through the dewatering project will be based on laboratory analysis and proper waste characterization. See the discussion below regarding potential impacts associated with construction near the Pactiv Corporation Class III Landfill. For a Notice of Intent (application form), please contact Scott Zaitz of the Regional Water Quality Control Board office in Redding [(530) 224-4784].
- Aboveground Petroleum Storage. The Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act requires owners
  or operators of aboveground petroleum storage tanks to file a storage statement and pay a fee for
  single petroleum tanks that store greater than 660 gallons or facilities with a cumulative storage
  capacity of greater than 1,320 gallons of petroleum. In addition, a Spill Prevention Control and
  Countermeasures plan must be prepared and implemented. For additional information, please
  contact Heldi Bauer of the Regional Water Quality Control Board office in Redding
  [(530) 224-4996].

#### POTENTIAL IMPACTS FROM PROXIMITY OF PROJECT TO CLASS III LANDFILL.

Each alternative evaluated in the EIS/EIR indicates that construction of the pump station will occur at the Pactiv Corporation mill site. Our understanding of this proposed project is that construction of the pump station will occur on a portion of the Pactiv Corporation Class III Landfill located adjacent to the Sacramento River. Construction of the pump station would require excavation of burde wastes in the landfill. Industrial activities at this site date back to the early 20° century and records are not available regarding the types of wastes buried in the landfill before the Pactiv Corporation purchased the site.

Groundwater beneath the Pactiv Corporation Class III Landfill is greatly influenced by the operation of the Red Bluff Diversion Dam. When the gates are closed, groundwater elevations rise and the flow direction is towards the west. Under these conditions, groundwater may contact wastes in the bottom of the landfill. Affecting water quality in the area. When the gates are open, groundwater elevations lower changing the flow direction to the north. This also affects the landfill's Point of Compliance and changes which monitoring well is designated as the down-gradient well. Recent groundwater monitoring data from the landfill indicates that down-gradient wells have statistically significant elevated concentrations of alkalinity, bicarbonate, calcium, chemical oxygen demand, conductivity, dissolved organic carbon, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, magnesium, manganese, potassium, sodium, tannins

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and lignans, and total dissolved solids when compared to up-gradient wells. These conditions may be an indicator that waste disposal activities may have impacted water quality in the area of the landfill.

A site investigation conducted by CH2M Hill during first half of 2002 found layers of burn ash mixed with paper pulp waste produced by Pactiv Corporation. The burn ash may contain hazardous concentrations of metals. The burn ash was not characterized for dioxins. Additionally, one drum of liquid waste was encountered during the investigation and one sample of the pulp wastes identified chromium above State hazardous waste action levels.

The EIR did not disclose the amount of waste to be excavated during the project. No discussion was included regarding how the proposed project will affect the existing groundwater monitoring network. No discussion was provided regarding waste characterization or disposal options for the excavated wastes. Wastes that have been excavated from the landfill may not be allowed to go back into the remaining portion of the unlined landfill. Final disposal options for excavated wastes will depend on characterization of the materials removed from the fill. Depending on the disposal option selected, additional evaluation under CEQA may be required. The EIS/EIR should provide a more thorough evaluation and discussion regarding waste removal, characterization, and disposal options.

#### SPECIFIC PACTIV NPDES ISSUES

The discharge of wastewater from Pactiv Corporation's pulp mill to the Sacramente River and the discharge of industrial storm water from Pactiv Corporation's property to Red Bank Creek are regulated under Waste Discharge Requirement Order No. 98-127. This National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0004821 will expire on 1 June 2003. To continue discharging, Pactiv Corporation is required to submit an application for permit renewal by 1 December 2002. It will be Pactiv Corporation's responsibility to describe their current and future operations, as well as any forecasted changes in operations that may or may not affect their permit conditions. Any significant changes in their operating conditions (such as changes in effluent quality, discharge flow rate, treatment processes, or discharge locations) must be evaluated under the CEQA process before a revised or renewed NPDES permit can be adopted by our Regional Board.

Under each alternative, the proposed footprint of the pump station intersects Pactiv Corporation's wastewater discharge outfall to the Sacramento River. The EIS/EIR should acknowledge this, and evaluate other discharge options and potential environmental impacts. The project proponent may want to consider integrating Pactiv's discharge outfall, as well as a diffuser, into the pump station design. Note that discharge of process wastewater to Red Bank Creek would likely not be permitted because flow in Red Bank Creek is intermittent. Additionally, discharge of Pactiv Corporation's wastewater to the Tehama-Colusa canal would likely result in more stringent effluent limitations in Pactiv Corporation's NPDES permit due to the limited dilution provided by the canal in the winter months.

It is our understanding that construction of the Fish Passage Improvement project will begin no earlier than 2004. While it is possible for Pactiv Corporation's NPDES permit to be renewed before construction (i.e. renewal based only on current operating conditions), it would be advantageous to all parties if Pactiv Corporation's NPDES permit renewal application reflected proposed operating conditions during and after construction. The application should also consider changes in industrial storm water runoff conditions that would result.

# Letter from Mey Wong, P.E., California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Continued

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#### OTHER

Page 3-106, Groundwater Quality. The first sentence, "Groundwater quality is generally excellent in the region," is misleading and the last statement, "No evidence of nitrates... has been found in the groundwater in Red Bluff," needs to be corrected.

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In the developed portions of the Antelope Boulevard area, 2¼ miles north of the Red Bluff Diversion Dam, nitrates have been measured above the MCL in shallow (to 30 ft bgs) and intermediate (to 60 ft bgs) monitoring wells as well as in domestic wells. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in Red Bluff is currently conducting a nitrate sampling program of domestic wells. Initial results indicate nitrates as nitrates were measured above half the MCL (22.5 mg/L) in 30 percent of domestic wells samples, and at or above the MCL (45 mg/L) in 15 percent of the wells sampled. Initial results also suggest that the extent of nitrate groundwater contamination is affected by Red Bluff Diversion Dum operations. Results of the four sampling events performed this year will be published by DWR in January 2003.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Dale Stultz for landfill issues and me for the remaining issues. We can be reached at (530) 224-4845 or the address above.

Mey Wong, P.E. Staff Engineer

MEW:

Mr. Art Bullock, Tehanna-Coulsa Canal Authority, Willows

Mr. Roger Hillstrom, Pactiv Corporation, Red Bluff

Mr. Mike Urkov, CH2M HILL, Redding

Letter from Mey Wong, P.E., California Regional Water Quality Control **Board, Continued** 

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#### Department of Toxic Substances Control

STATE CLEARING HOUSE

Edwin F. Lowry, Director 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, California 95828-3200



Gray Davis Governor

October 9, 2002

Mr. Art Bullock Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority 5513 Highway 162 Willows, California 95988

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT THE RED BLUFF DIVERSION DAM (SCH#2002042075)

Dear Mr. Bullock:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the document referenced above and has the following comment. After reviewing our hazardous substances site database (Calsites), we have identified sites in the immediate area (list enclosed). DTSC has not done an evaluation to determine whether any of these sites could impact the subject project. DTSC recommends that the draft EIR/EIS be amended to include a discussion on hazards/hazardous materials if the project may be impacted by a hazardous substances release site.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email at <u>fmiles@dfsc.ce.gov</u> or telephone at (918) 255-3710.

Sincerety,

Tim Miles

Tim Miles Hazardous Substances Scientist

Enclosure

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#### Letter from Tim Miles, Department of Toxic Substances Control, Dated October 9, 2002

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CC: Planning & Environmental Analysis Section (PEAS)
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#### Letter from Jane Cirrincione, Northern California Power Agency, Dated October 30, 2002

Mr. Art Bullock General Manager Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority P.O. Box 1025 Willows, California 95988

Subject: Comments to Draft Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RBDD) Fish Passage Improvement Project EIS/EIR Report and Process

Dear Mr. Bullock:

Thank you for allowing NCPA<sup>†</sup> the opportunity to provide input to the draft Red Bluff Diversion Dam Fish Passage Improvement Project EIS/EIR Report (Report) and process. We offer these comments with the desire and hope that we can have open discussion in the future toward resolving the issues we raise.

#### Clarification of Authority

The Report establishes purpose and need, but does not provide background, on the funding authorities. Such a discussion would be appropriate and helpful in the introduction. This information is critical for decision makers as they fully consider the needs and costs of implementing any actions, as suggested in the Report as the next step after completion of the FIS/EIR.

The evaluation of benefits and impacts of potential actions intended to provide improved fish passage (the first purpose and need statement) appears to be established through both the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, as stipulated in Section b(10), and the CALFED Record of Decision (ROD) relative to ecosystem improvements. The evaluation of benefits and impacts of potential actions that are intended to provide improvements in water delivery reliability (the second purpose and need statement) appear to be driven by the objectives and authority of the CALFED ROD. The Report needs to provide clarification of how the study and potential actions specifically address the funding authorities as stipulated in the CVPIA and in the CALFED ROD. Also, Section 1.6 - Required Permits and Approvals should highlight the most important approval - funding authority for any recommended project.

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It is anticipated that construction funding could be derived from multiple sources, including local, state, and federal budgets. Precise allocations from these sources are difficult to determine, and would be subject to annual budget decisions made by multiple agencies. As noted by the commentor, authorization for the project is derived, in part, from CVPIA, and has also been considered as part of the CALFED ROD. DEIS/EIR Section 1.6 discusses permits and regulatory approvals necessary for construction of the project. Funding support would be considered throughout the subsequent phases of the project, similar to other large-scale fish screen projects on the Sacramento River.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NCPA is a compress California joint powers agency established in 1985 to generate, transmit, and distribute electric power to and on behalf of its four-feet members: edited of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Buddehurg, Ledi, Lempec, Pale Alto, Redding, Roscoulle, State Clera, Ukido, the Peet of Colladard, for Truckee Donner Public Libbry Donate, and the Truckee Briggsian District, and the Truckee, and the Truckee Donate Public Libbry Donate, and the Truckee Briggsian District, and the Truckee.
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