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Via U.S. Mail and E-mail (BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov)

BDCP Comments
Ryan Wulff, NMFS
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Subject: Comments of El Dorado Water & Power Authority on the Draft Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and EIR/EIS

Dear Mr. Wulff:

El Dorado Water & Power Authority (“EDWPA”) is a joint exercise of powers agency comprised of the County of El Dorado, El Dorado County Water Agency, and El Dorado Irrigation District. EDWPA was formed in order to secure a reliable water supply that would meet the needs of the residents, farms and businesses on the western slope of the Sierras within the County while, at the same time, preserving the environment that makes El Dorado County unique. In this way, EDWPA is firmly committed to achieving the “co-equal goals” of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration that were adopted by the Legislature in the Delta Reform Act.

EDWPA has reviewed the Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan (“BDCP” or “Plan”) and the accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (“EIR/EIS”) that were released for public review last December. Because the BDCP states that the Plan and supporting documents are incorporated into the EIR/EIS, our comments on the BDCP should also be considered comments on the EIR/EIS.

EDWPA hereby incorporates by reference and joins the comments on the Plan and EIR/EIS submitted by the North State Water Alliance (including all attachments to those comments) dated July 28, 2014 as though fully stated herein.

In addition, EDWPA notes that it has pending before the State Water Resources Control Board a petition to assign up to 40,000 acre-feet/year from the State of California for use within El Dorado County. This petition was made under the auspices of the “area of origin statutes” and so, if granted, would have a water right priority that is senior to the water rights that would be used as part of the BDCP. The Plan and the accompanying EIR/EIS are replete with statements to the effect that the

BDCP will not interfere with any other agency's water rights, that the BDCP will fully respect California water law, and that the BDCP will not "redirect" impacts to upstream areas. EDWPA takes those statements very seriously. We would appreciate a simple and clear statement in the Final EIR/EIS and/or in the Final Plan indicating that the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, as well as their respective contractors, will not challenge or object to the pending EDWPA petition.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Very truly yours,



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Fred Schaefer, General Counsel

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Please accept the attached letter regarding Comments of El Dorado Water & Power Authority on the Draft Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and EIR/EIS.

Thank you.

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