

Letter	Comment #	Comments	Relation to Final EIR/EIS
Locke Management Association	1	<p>I am writing to point out serious flaws in the Final Environmental Impact Report I Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIR/S") for the California WaterFix Project ("CWF").</p> <p>The Town of Locke is entirely within a the Locke National Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. According to the National Park Service, Locke is the "largest, most complete example of a rural, agricultural Chinese American community in the United States."</p> <p>We are very concerned that the impacts of the CWF on Locke and its Chinese American community members and heritage are being ignored by the state and federal agencies pursuing the CWF project. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Justice is: the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. (https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice.) That is all we ask: that we be given the opportunity to be involved and treated fairly.</p> <p>In order for that to be true, we need both the CEQA and NEPA comment periods to remain open. As of now, the comment periods close on January 30, 2017. That does not give us the opportunity to review the massive FEIR/S, which is the largest document I have ever seen in my life. It does not give us the opportunity to formulate precise, detailed comments to show you how you are missing the impacts of CWF on our community; it does not give us the opportunity to suggest ways that these impacts can be avoided. As a first step, please issue a formal extension of the comment period for all purposes for CEQA and NEPA for 30 days, until March 1, 2017.</p>	<p>Impacts on the town of Locke are taken into account in Chapter 18, Cultural Resources as well as in Chapter 28, Environmental Justice of the Final EIR/EIS.</p> <p>This comment does not raise any substantive new environmental information or analysis that was not previously addressed in the Final EIR/EIS. Please see Federal Register Notice Period for the California WaterFix Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) letter regarding requests for extending NEPA review period.</p>
Locke Management Association	2	<p>The Locke Management Association is a governmental unit of Sacramento County. We are charged with management of the town, including preserving its historic buildings and sense of identity. Yet we were never contacted by anyone from the government about the impacts of the CWF on our historic community. Not the Department of Water Resources; not the Bureau of Reclamation; not the Army Corps of Engineers; not the State Office of Historic Preservation.</p> <p>About a week ago, we were asked by others involved in the CWF project hearings if we were participating in the Army Corps of Engineers historic preservation process for CWF. Up until that time we did not know about it. After we found out the Army was working on historic preservation, we contacted the Army and they did respond with a willingness to meet with us. We expect to meet with them within a few days. But the comment period will be closed by then. We don't understand why we would not have been involved in the historic preservation issues at the very beginning of this process and</p>	<p>This comment is about Locke, historic preservation, and alternatives development. This comment does not raise any substantive new environmental information or analysis that was not previously addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>

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Locke Management Association	3	<p>CWF will forever change the historic Northern Delta landscape and waterscape. This area of the Delta is the most scenic and the most historic and culturally significant part of the entire Delta. It is as if the project planners sought out the area that would be most negatively impacted by placement of tunnel infrastructure and then decided to make that ground zero for tunnel construction. For example, if the intakes for the tunnels were placed in the Yolo Bypass, which carries millions of acre feet of surplus flood water out to sea, there would be no historic or cultural impact because the bypass is flooded every season anyway and there are no structures or communities there. Putting the intakes in the Yolo Bypass probably also makes better ecological sense because that is where the surplus water is. But my concern is the impact on my community and its heritage. I am just using the Yolo Bypass as an example of something that could be considered to avoid all the historic and cultural impacts.</p>	<p>This comment is about aesthetics, cultural resources, and alternatives development. This comment does not raise any substantive new environmental information or analysis that was not previously addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>
Locke Management Association	4	<p>The FEIR/S says that there is no impact from Alternative 4A on Locke and that there would only be impacts if Alternative 9 were selected. I disagree. Clarksburg, Hood, Walnut Grove, and Locke are all set in the historic landscape that is pretty much as it was when Locke was built in the early twentieth century. Our cultural institutions and gathering places haven't changed much since then either. The FEIR/S discloses that "construction activities associated with water conveyance facilities would be anticipated to result in changes to the rural qualities of these communities [legacy communities of Clarksburg, Hood, and Walnut Grove] during the construction period " and could "also result in changes to community cohesion if they were to restrict mobility, reduce opportunities for maintaining face- to-face relationships, or disrupt the functions of community organizations or community gather places Under Alternative 4A, several gathering places that lie in the vicinity of construction areas could be indirectly affected by noise and traffic associated with construction activities." FEIR/S 16-279. The area of the construction sites for intakes 2, 3, and 5, as well as the intermediate forebay and the muck piles (where the tunnel muck will be dumped) are much larger than the area of our communities. The construction activities will be ongoing for a decade or more and thousands of construction workers will flood the area.</p> <p>In my opinion, the entire character and community cohesion of these delicate places will be lost forever. Towns will be abandoned. We cannot survive the current plan. We want the opportunity to suggest detailed alternatives and describe in detail the many points you have missed in your environmental</p>	<p>This comment is about cultural resources, Locke and other legacy communities, noise, and traffic. This comment does not raise any substantive new environmental information or analysis that was not previously addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>

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