

Letter	Comment #	Comment	Relation to Final EIR/EIS
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	1	The purpose of this letter is to express continued support by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts) for the comprehensive Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)/California WaterFix, as prepared by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and US Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). The Sanitation Districts are a regional public agency consisting of 24 independent special districts serving over 5.5 million people in 78 cities and the unincorporated territory within Los Angeles County. The Sanitation Districts protect public health and the environment through innovative and cost-effective wastewater and solid waste management and, in doing so, convert waste into resources such as recycled water, energy, and recycled materials. As part of the recycled water program, the Sanitation Districts operate ten water reclamation plants (WRPs) that currently produce approximately 150,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water, of which approximately 100,000 acre-feet per year is supplied to over 850 sites for a variety of uses, including groundwater recharge, landscape and agricultural irrigation, recreational impoundments, industrial processing, and environmental enhancement. This program is one of the largest wastewater recycling programs in the world, with a long history of providing affordable, high-quality recycled water, and accounts for a significant investment in Los Angeles County's recycled water infrastructure. Since the inception of its program in 1962, the Sanitation Districts have delivered nearly 3.0 million acre-feet of recycled water for beneficial reuse. Recycled water produced at the reclamation plants that is not reused for the purposes listed above is discharged to local surface waters that are often effluent dominated.	This letter offers Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's support for the proposed project. This comment does not raise any substantive new environmental information or analysis that was not previously addressed in the Final EIR/S.
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	2	In addition to this letter, the Sanitation Districts previously submitted two comment letters supporting the adoption of the BDCP/California WaterFix EIR/EIS, which would implement dual-bore tunnels to convey water to the existing State Water Project (SWP) pumping facilities, and environmental measures necessary to mitigate impacts in compliance with State and Federal environmental laws. These efforts secure, protect, and enhance California's water supply by building intakes in the north Delta to avoid increased salinity from tidal effects and expected climate change effects. The projected water quality improvements, specifically the reduced salinity of SWP water, are expected to improve water quality in the Sanitation Districts' service area, reduce the salinity of recycled water produced by the Sanitation Districts thereby promoting water reuse, and facilitate compliance with water policy and regulatory requirements.	This comment does not raise any substantive new environmental information or analysis that was not previously addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	3	Reducing salinity will help alleviate concerns of many potential recycled water users that elevated salt content could adversely impact their plantings. Lower salinity recycled water would also greatly improve the feasibility and cost of implementation measures required by Salinity and Nutrient Management Plans developed in accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board's Recycled Water Policy. The reduced regulatory burden on recycled water users and improved recycled water quality would increase water reuse, thereby helping Southern California develop local water supplies and reduce its dependence on water from the SWP. These efforts to develop local recycled water supplies also assist the State in attaining its goal to recycle at least two million additional acre-feet per year by 2030 (a goal that was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board in the Recycled Water Policy) and move the State towards a sustainable water future.	This comment does not raise any substantive new environmental information or analysis that was not previously addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	4	High salinity in SWP deliveries also contributes to elevated chloride levels entering the Saugus and Valencia WRPs, which are operated by the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation	This comment does not raise any substantive new environmental information or analysis that was not previously addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.

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Angeles County		District (a Sanitation Districts ' member agency) and discharge treated wastewater to the Upper Santa Clara River (USCR). The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has imposed salinity Waste Discharge Requirements on the treated wastewater from these facilities, and the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District is currently preparing environmental documents necessary to implement an advanced water treatment facility to remove chloride from its wastewater in order to comply with limits based on the USCR Chloride Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for its discharges. The cost to comply with the USCR Chloride TMDL is expected to exceed \$100 million, thus increasing the annual cost for wastewater treatment, largely due to the fact that the SWP water used by the community contains chloride levels that can approach and have even exceeded the chloride discharge and water recycling limits. The Sanitation Districts anticipate that implementation of the BDCP/California Waterfix will reduce salinity levels and improve the quality of SWP water, thus providing a water quality benefit to the Santa Clarita Valley.	
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	5	Overall, the Sanitation Districts support the EIR/EIS for the BDCP/California Waterfix due to the expected benefits to SWP water quality, which will lead to better local water quality for drinking water and recycled water; increased water recycling; more sustainable local water supplies; and lower cost compliance with regulatory requirements. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at pfriess@lacsd.org or at (562) 908-4288, extension 2501.	This comment does not raise any substantive new environmental information or analysis that was not previously addressed in the Final EIR/EIS.