Good evening. My name is Peter Hunn and I am a third generation farmer from Clarksburg. I am here tonight to speak as an elected board member of the Woodland based company, Cal/West Seeds, the oldest seed co-op in California. I would like to make a short comment and end with two questions. For more than 70 years Cal/West has been producing and supplying seeds grown in the North Delta to customers across the country and in more than 30 foreign countries, most recently China. For the past 45 years, 100% of the world’s supply of Dichondra Seed has been produced in the Clarksburg region. The unique soil and climate conditions in the Clarksburg area enable growers to produce high quality Dichondra Seed on a consistent basis. Safflower Seed is another important crop grown in the Clarksburg area. Most of today’s commercially grown varieties of Safflower Seed were first developed and reproduced in the Clarksburg area because of the unique soil and high water table. Clarksburg area farmers are successful and prosperous today because they have learned how to adapt and stay on the cutting edge. Cal/West and its growers fear that plans being developed by the BDCP and Delta Vision committees will destroy this region of the Delta and its grower’s way of life.

Question number one: Have you considered or studied changes to the Clarksburg region hydrology that would result from proposed conveyance or habitat restoration projects?

Question number two: What will be the effects on water quality in the North Delta on a year round basis from the proposed conveyance or habitat restoration projects? Will salt water intrusion ultimately make the North Delta a region where agriculture will no longer survive?

I would like to conclude by reading you two quotes. The first quote is “I can run wild for six months.....after that, I have no expectation of success”. The second quote is “I fear all we have done is awakened a sleeping giant and filled him with terrible resolve”. Both these quotes were made by Imperial Fleet Admiral Yamamoto. The first quote was made a year before the attack on Pearl Harbor and the second quote was made immediately following the attack.

Please address these issues directly in your final EIR/EIS.