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Mr. Wulff - Please find our comments in the attached pdf files.

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RE: BDCP comments

On behalf of the California Delta Chambers & Visitor's Bureau representing many businesses and families in the California Delta I submit these comments regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

First and foremost there is no financing plan for the BDCP. The water districts that are proposing the plan to divert the Sacramento River around the Delta have not agreed to pay for it. This is basic and should be agreed upon before moving any further on the project.

<http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/PlanningProcess/BDCP/WorkingGroups/WorkingGroup-Financing.aspx>

More basically the project will be devastating to the Delta and it's people. Ten years of construction with waterways blocked, near constant pile driving, heavy trucks clogging roads, and tons of carbon filling the air from trucks and equipment will leave the Delta damaged for generations.

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/03/28/1197717/-More-Bay-Delta-Conservation-Plan-Documents-Released#>

Recreation is a billion dollar per year industry in the Delta. It has been under attack by the water exporters for several years. It will be in serious jeopardy if the BDCP is allowed to continue.

http://www.deltavision.ca.gov/Context_Memos/recreation/recreation_memo_interation1.pdf



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<http://deltarevision.com/Issues/recreation/recreation/14million-boating-days-per-year.jpg>

There will be contamination of Delta ground water that will be unmitigated. This will affect agriculture and drinking wells and potentially add mercury and other toxic materials to ground water.

<http://www.calitics.com/tag/peripheral%20tunnels>

As California's population continues to increase we need to create sources of new water not continue to reallocate water from one area to another. The behavior of the water exporters during the current drought should be warning enough of what will happen if the tunnels are built and we are faced with another drought. The water exporters will be clamoring for more water deliveries from the tunnels to the extreme detriment of the Sacramento River. Many Central Valley Project users have gone on record saying that water flowing through rivers to the sea is "wasted".

Lastly, there has never in human history been a water diversion of this scale that has not destroyed the existing waterway. We have asked the Department of Water Resources numerous times to provide a few examples where a plan like this has worked and they never have answered because there are no examples. Diverting the Sacramento River around the California Delta will destroy the Delta.

I encourage the fisheries agencies to refuse to issue permits that would enable this ill-conceived project to move forward.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Wells". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of "Bill" being a large, stylized capital "B".

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