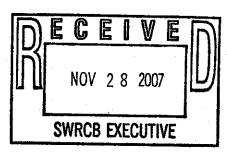
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Re: Support for Draft Resolution to protect beneficial uses of the Bay Delta Estuary.

Dear Chair Doduc and fellow board members:

Thank you so very much for taking on this formidable challenge — to finally do what has been needed for many, many years — to work at protecting the beneficial uses of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Rivers Delta. It has been disheartening to watch the continuing decline of this precious resource while processes that have been put in place to prevent this decline have just spun wheels without really dealing with the problems. The whole CALFED process and now the Bay Delta Habitat Plan that is studying a conveyance facility are prime examples of wheel spinning while the ecosystem continues its decline. I am especially delighted that you and your board are undertaking this action because what you do has teeth. You can enforce your actions, not like the other actions that depend on voluntary compliance.

And it is your job to protect water quality against salinity, flows in the San Joaquin River, and the public trust. To monitor and characterize the discharges to the delta and assess the impacts of toxicity on the fish and wildlife that live there. To implement all the TMDLs, and everything else in your long list of specifics that need to be done to protect all the beneficial uses of the delta including drinking water quality for all who live in the state.

Finally we have a State Board with the courage to take on those who have been polluting our waters, and taking so much water from this environment that the entire ecosystem is crashing. Thank you again. It will be a difficult fight, but one that is well worth the effort. I commend your dedication to your job. And want to help you with this task in any way I can.

Sincerply, Seen