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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Bay-Delta Strategic Workplan/Factual Issues Regarding Bay-Delta

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Stockton East Water District submitted comments to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Request for Written Input on Factual Issues regarding the Bay-Delta. While some of the comments were included in the discussion in the Staff Report, two very important issues were not included for review by the State Water Board. We believe the State Water Board should include the following issues Notice of Public Periodic Review in order to understand all of the potential conditions that are affecting the fishery population in order to develop a comprehensive solution.

**Impacts of Ocean Conditions and Harvesting on Fishery Populations**

Since implementation of the 1995 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, millions of acre feet have been dedicated and released from upstream reservoirs for fishery purposes. It does not appear that flow alone will result in increasing fishery populations. The State Water Board must conduct a hearing to solicit information regarding ocean conditions and its affect on fishery population. A comprehensive review of local and ocean harvesting practices and the resulting affect on fishery populations should be evaluated. Additionally, experts in these fields should be called upon to produce both historical information and provide insight on the potential affects of climate change on ocean conditions.

**Impacts of Non-Native, Imported Species on Delta Fishery Population**

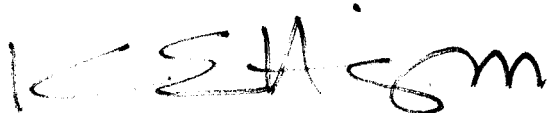
Since implementation of the 1995 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, releasing water from upstream reservoirs has been the primary focus for increasing fishery populations. Clearly, this has not worked. The affects of the introduction of non-native

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species into the Bay-Delta has not been fully explored. The State Water Board should conduct a hearing to solicit information regarding the state of non-native species in the Bay-Delta and the affect of these species on native fishery population. Experts in these fields should be called upon to produce both historical and current information on the affects these species are having on the native population.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these very important issues.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K E H' followed by a stylized flourish and the letters 'm'.

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cc: Mr. Kevin Kauffman