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PUBLIC HEARINGS SACRAMENTO, CA.
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Public Hearing (3/20/13)
Bay-Delta Plan SED
Deadline: 3/29/13 by 12 noon



SUBJECT - COMMENT LETTER FOR A "BAY DELTA PLAN" - S.E.D.

I AM A PROPERTY OWNER CURRENTLY RECEIVING "SPECIAL BENEFITS" OF SURFACE IRRIGATION WATER AS REFERENCED AND DESCRIBED IN THE JANUARY 2007 M.B.K. ENGINEERS REPORT. THESE SURFACE WATER DIVERSIONS ARE PROVIDED TO ROGGERO FAMILY TRUST PROPERTY BY THE MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT (M.I.D.) FROM STORAGE AND HYDROLOGICAL CONDITIONS OF THE MERCED RIVER DRAINAGE. IN THE 2012 WATER YEAR/IRRIGATION SEASON ROGGERO FAMILY TRUST PROPERTY UTILIZED APPROXIMATELY 700 ACRE FEET OF SURFACE WATER IN FARMING WINTER FORAGE AND CORN.

IN WATER YEAR 2013 DUE TO SEVERE PRESENTLY ADVERSE HYDROLOGICAL CONDITIONS IN THE MERCED RIVER WATERSHED, ROGGERO FAMILY TRUST PROPERTY MAY ONLY RECEIVE "230" ACRE FEET OF SURFACE WATER FROM M.I.D. HOWEVER FLOW RELEASES OF WATER IN THE MERCED RIVER BELOW SHAFER BRIDGE TO DELTA IN 2013 WILL BE SIMILAR TO 2012 FLOW RELEASES. THE REDUCED SURFACE WATER PROVIDED BY M.I.D. TO ROGGERO FAMILY TRUST PROPERTY IN 2013 WILL CAUSE "REDUCED FARMING AND ECONOMIC HANDSHIPS" IN MERCED COUNTY. THEREFORE ANY ADDITIONAL FLOW RELEASES OR RELEASES BASED UPON A SET % OF UNIMPAIRED RUNOFF AS I UNDERSTAND THE PROPOSED "BAY DELTA PLAN" WILL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL REDUCTION OF SURFACE IRRIGATION WATER FROM M.I.D. AND ADDITIONAL "ECONOMIC HANDSHIP" WITHOUT REGARD TO HYDROLOGY. THEREFORE I'M RECOMMENDING THAT ANY CHANGES TO PRESENT FLOW RELEASES WHICH HAS MAINTAINED AND SUSTAINED FISH HABITAT (UNLIKE THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER DRAINAGE) BE SUBJECT TO OVERALL HYDROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND NOT BE SUBJECT TO A STRAIGHT % OF UNIMPAIRED RUNOFF FLOW AS TO THE PROPOSED "BAY DELTA PLAN."

Emerges - salmon caught
in San Joaquin River
at Roggero Family Trust property
circa - 1970's

Very Truly Yours
Anthony M. Roggero Jr.
Trustee of Roggero Family Trust



35 lb. SALMON

Salmon caught by my father in 1930s in
picture taken on Roggero Family Trust Property
FISH CAUGHT approximately 6-8 miles west
of EL NIDO, CA. before construction of
Friant Dam on the San Joaquin River.

signed
Anthony M. Roggero
3-19-2013

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