



## Bradford Reclamation District 2059

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: *Temporary Salinity Barriers*

Dear Messrs. Biondi and Guthrie:

Reclamation District 2059 (the District) has found itself at the center of the recent controversy surrounding the placement of Temporary Salinity Barriers in the North Delta, specifically, the barrier to be placed across West False River. Although the recent rains have forestalled the construction of the barrier, we have been asked to continue to move forward with our approval of an encroachment permit for such construction.

Representing one of the eight critical western islands, the District understands the importance of managing export pumping while maintaining water quality standards and needs within the Delta; however, we urge you to please weigh the potential adverse impacts to landowners and other Reclamation Districts prior to issuance of permits for such barriers. For example, potential impacts to RD 2059 include increased tidal flows and velocities around the north end of the island and down Fisherman's Cut not only endangering the island's only access by ferry but also the native berms that the Delta Plan is trying to preserve and elimination of the main boating channel to the San Joaquin River from Bethel Island marinas resulting in increased wakes and boat traffic in Fisherman's Cut.

The District stands with other organizations in asking that no construction be commenced until there are executed written agreements between DWR, the North Delta Water Agency, the impacted Reclamation Districts and the impacted landowners setting forth the appropriate operational conditions and terms for mitigation of adverse impacts.

Very truly yours,

*CJ Kuhne*

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President, RD 2059