

The Kern County Water Agency is pleased to provide the following comments on Iteration 2 of the June 20, 2007 Context Memorandum: Water Supply and Water Quality.

- Page 1, lines 12-16 quote a statement in the California Water Plan which suggests California meets most of its water needs in most years. The report also notes that, statewide, unsustainable groundwater overdraft is about 2 million acre-feet annually. This fact should be added to the context.
- Page 10, line 24 mentions the State Water Project contractors' contracts will expire in 2035. It should also be noted that Article 4 of the contracts provides for continued service after 2035, at the discretion of each individual contractor.
- Page 10, lines 28-31 state the contractors fund all recreational facilities at many SWP lakes and reservoirs. In fact, the Burns-Porter Act requires the State of California to pay for the recreation costs associated with SWP facilities. For many years the State has illegally refused to pay these costs, forcing the Department of Water Resources to absorb these costs within its cash flows. This has led to serious cash flow deficiencies for the Department of Water Resources and affects the cash flows of the contractors.
- Page 17, lines 21-23 suggest reductions in natural runoff due to climate change may require alteration in upstream reservoir operations to maintain desired Delta water quality. The potential need for additional storage to offset water quality and supply impacts of climate change should also be mentioned.

Sincerely,

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