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Attention: Mr. Jacob McQuirk, Supervising Engineer, Bay-Delta Office of the California Department of Water Resources

The mitigated negative declaration is INADEQUATE. This declaration does not disclose significant unmitigated adverse environmental impacts. I emphatically request you prepare a full Environmental Impact Report before proceeding further.

As a taxpaying California boater who has lived in the Delta region (specifically Discovery Bay) since 1993, I do not understand how you could claim the rock barriers you propose will not impact recreational boating, fishing and related water activities.

I used to take my smaller boat to the rock barrier near Tracy when taking the southern route to Stockton. We liked stopping at some of the waterfront businesses along the way, enjoyed the scenery and the lighter ski traffic (partially due to the barrier/portage issue). Often, there would be a backup of boaters waiting to have their small boats portaged across the rock barrier. After several times dealing with the resulting delay, I quit taking this route. This negatively impacted the businesses we previously frequented and denied my guests the opportunity to enjoy skiing a less crowded delta region.

We now own a larger boat that cannot be portaged across the Tracy barrier and will not be eligible for portaging over your proposed rock barriers. I believe only one of your new rock barriers will offer portaging anyway. Regardless, portaging boats is inefficient, costly and definitely impacts usage wherever installed.

Your proposed barriers in the north Delta area impact our boating as well. We enjoy taking guests up the various waterways in this region. I especially see an impact on the local boaters, home & business owners along these northern waterways and on tourism. How can you assert no Environmental Impact study is required because there will be 'no impact'? Perhaps if one stays in the shelter of their home and does not enjoy the regions involved, there is no impact. Otherwise, a project of this magnitude definitely has an impact on people who live in these regions, an impact on recreational boaters such as myself, an impact on the environments involved and a significant financial cost. The rock barriers have to be mitigated before proceeding further.

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