



Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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RE: Emergency Drought Barriers IS-MND Comments

Dear Mr. Marshall:

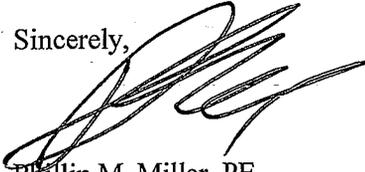
The Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Emergency Drought Barriers Project dated January, 2015. The District and Solano County Water Agency (NBA Contractors) receive water supply from the State Water Project via the North Bay Aqueduct (NBA) diversion from Barker Slough in the Cache Slough Complex of the north Delta. The NBA Contractors have previously expressed concerns regarding potential water quality degradation at the Barker Slough Pumping Plant (BSPP) caused by the proposed installation of the two North Delta barriers based on the preliminary modeling results for salinity and bromine published last year.

The MND does not address these known water quality concerns at the BSPP. The BSPP is the primary, and irreplaceable, water supply for 120,000 residents of Napa County and a significant component of the State Water Project. Threats to its water quality simply cannot be ignored. Therefore, the NBA Contractors request:

1. The MND be revised to address water quality concerns for salinity and bromine at the BSPP;
2. A monitoring plan be developed to determine the impacts to BSPP water quality should barriers be constructed, and;
3. A mitigation plan be developed to address significant degradation of water quality at the BSPP should it occur.

We welcome further mutually beneficial discussions with the Department at the soonest convenience. If you have any questions, comments, or need additional information, please contact me at (707) 259-8620 or email at Phillip.Miller@countyofnapa.org.

Sincerely,



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