



Reclamation District No. 2060
HASTINGS TRACT



March 19, 2020

Colonel James Handura
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Colonel Handura:

The North Delta Water Agency (NDWA), the California Central Valley Flood Control Association (CCVFCA), Reclamation District No. 2068 (RD 2068) and Reclamation District No. 2060-Hastings Tract (RD 2060) have reviewed the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) *Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project*. The NDWA is responsible for assuring a dependable supply of water quality to the water users in the North Delta. The CCVFCA represents over 75 members in promoting rural and urban flood management issues throughout the Central Valley. Reclamation Districts No. 2060 and 2068 both operate and maintain Federally authorized levees, and Reclamation District No. 2068 also purveys water.

We are writing you as affected stakeholders in order to engage you in your consideration of whether to grant permission under Section 408 to alter the Federal levee system. Attached are our comments on the draft EIR, and we ask that you ensure these issues are adequately addressed in the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) document that supports your decision on the 408 application. Our primary concerns are the unmitigated impacts related to surrounding agricultural diversions, the viability of the surviving reclamation district, and the increased risk associated with flood operations. We have not yet seen the NEPA documentation associated with the Section 408 permission, and we are requesting to work with you to address these concerns in the most beneficial and effective manner. It is our hope that we may engage with you to ensure protection for existing Delta uses, while also facilitating those changes that are appropriate for the Delta.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide comments. Please contact Scott Shapiro at 916.520.5234 or sshapiro@downeybrand.com for coordination on this project.



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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Busch".

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Reclamation District No. 2060 - Hastings Tract

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melinda Terry".

Melinda Terry
Manager, North Delta Water Agency
Executive Director, California Central Valley Flood Control Association

Enclosure: Comments on Lookout Slough Draft EIR

cc: Leslie Gallagher, Executive Officer, Central Valley Flood Protection Board