

Karl Longley, Chair, CVRWQCB

Karl,

In connection with the CVRWQCB review of Delta Water Quality Issues associated with Resolution no. R5-2007-0161, please find attached a review of these issues that Dr. Anne Jones-Lee and I presented at the CA/NV AWWA Delta symposium in Sacramento last October. This presentation includes all current CWA 303(d) listings as well as water quality use-impairments that are known to be occurring in the Delta but that are not listed. The CVRWQCB should formulate a program and timetable to address all of these issues. It should also develop a pro-active program of monitoring/evaluation to determine the magnitude, extent, and water quality significance of each of the known listed, as well as unlisted, water quality impairments in the Delta. That pro-active program should include funding specifically set aside for searching for new, yet-undefined/unknown impairments of Delta waters.

The CA/NV AWWA presentation is available at,

Lee, G. F., and Jones-Lee, A., 'Overview Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Water Quality,' Presented at CA/NV AWWA Fall Conference, Sacramento, CA, PowerPoint Slides, G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA, October (2007).

<http://www.members.aol.com/GFLEnviroQual/DeltaWQCANVAWWAOct07.pdf>

These issues were discussed in Dr. Jones-Lee's and my report,

Lee, G. F. and Jones-Lee, A., "Overview of Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta Water Quality Issues," Report of G. Fred Lee & Associates, El Macero, CA, June (2004).

<http://www.members.aol.com/apple27298/Delta-WQ-IssuesRpt.pdf>

While that report was prepared almost four years ago, we find that little progress has been made to address many of the Delta water quality issues discussed in it. The current POD contaminants investigative program falls far-short of adequately addressing these issues associated with the POD, much less the Delta overall.

If there are questions about these comments, please contact me. If there is any way we can be of assistance to the Board in helping to implement a comprehensive Delta water quality management program, please let me know.

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