

## **APPENDIX H**

## **RESPONSES TO COMMENTS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Draft EIS/EIR was sent to the State Clearinghouse as required by CEQA (SCH# 98092062).

The Clearinghouse submitted the document to selected state agencies for review. None of the state agencies provided comments to the Clearinghouse.

Comments received in writing are presented first, followed by transcripts of the two public hearings held in October 1998.

### **H.1. COMMENT LETTERS**

Written comments were received from the following federal, state, regional, and local agencies and private organizations and individuals:

#### **Federal Agencies**

National Marine Fisheries Service  
Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX  
Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **State**

Department of Water Resources  
Water Resources Control Board

#### **Regional and Local**

Central Delta Water Agency  
Contra Costa Water District  
Oakdale Irrigation District  
Regional Council of Rural Counties  
Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
South Delta Water Agency  
Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office  
Stanislaus County Department of Planning and Community Development  
Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department  
Stockton East Water District

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### **Organizations and Individuals**

Earl Eckert  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Lorens M. Foard  
State Water Contractors

The following sections include a copy of each comment letter in the order presented above, followed by a response to that letter. Extensive exhibits provided with the letter from the South Delta Water Agency are not included with their letter, and they are on file with the lead agencies.

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### **H.2. PUBLIC HEARING TRANSCRIPTS**

Transcripts of the two public hearings are attached. There were no formal public comments made at either meeting.

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