

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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