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SENT VIA EMAIL (bdcpccomments@icfi.com)

RE: Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix and Associated Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement


Dear Lead Agencies:

These comments are submitted by Save Our Sandhill Cranes on the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (“BDCP”)/California WaterFix (“Project” or the newly conceived “Alt. 4A”) and associated public review Partially Recirculated/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement (“RDEIR/S”). Save Our Sandhill Cranes is a 501 (c) 3 non profit organization that formed ten years ago to protect Sandhill Crane wintering habitat in the Sacramento region through outreach, education, and direct engagement in both policy and projects that effect that habitat.

Save Our Sandhill Cranes was involved in numerous meetings during the preparation of the last iteration of the BDCP in an effort to improve mitigation and avoidance and minimization measures in the Stone Lakes area and on Staten Island. Throughout that process we were reminded that the BDCP would be providing huge benefits to crane conservation beyond the mitigations contemplated in CM 1. This is clearly not the case in the new iteration of California WaterFix and all we are left with is the huge tunnels project with inadequate mitigations for the impacts to Sandhill Cranes.

Save Our Sandhill Cranes wants to go on the record as agreeing with the concerns and issues brought up in the ECOS/Habitat 2020 and the Friends of Stone Lakes letters regarding the various iterations of the EIR/S (including the DEIR/DEIS and now the RDEIR/SDEIS). We are also in agreement with the concerns expressed in the Delta Independent Science Board letter, dated September 30, 2015, that identified scientific deficiencies in the California Water fix recirculated DEIR/DEIS.

Sincerely,


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