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September 20, 2007

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing today because I am very concerned with the possibility of taking more water out of Tuolumne River. The environmental impacts that would occur as a result of the extra water being diverted, far out weigh the need for more lawns and suburban sprawl across East Bay, which is where 60% of water would be sent, as I understand. I think its a huge mistake, and you should focus your efforts on increasing water conservation and recycling programs.

I truly hope that you take these public comments into serious consideration before you make a horrible decision that would affect all walks of life for generations to come.

Thank you.

Sambhu Agarwal

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CITY & COUNTY OF S.F.
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
M.E.A.

Thank you for your time. I am writing today to prevent more water from being taken out of the Tuolumne River. This matter is before the Planning Commission today 9/20/07 Special Meeting item #21. I am unable to attend later today so here are my thoughts.

One of the many problems is the negative affects on wildlife. This will cause Bio-diversity loss, and is bad for business in that area.

Please look at alternatives like other cities. We should be leaders in protecting the environment.

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Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV To Diana Sokolove/CTYPLN/SFGOV@SFGOV
 cc
 09/25/2007 09:07 AM bcc
 Subject Fw: Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) diversion of more water from the Tuolumne River.

----- Forwarded by Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV on 09/25/2007 09:07 AM -----



"Thomas W. Allen"
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 cc
 09/22/2007 07:05 AM
 Subject Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) diversion of more water from the Tuolumne River.

This is a bad idea. Please do not do it. | 01

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RE: Tuolumne River

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Tue, Aug 28, 2007 at 11:28 AM

I would urge you to reconsider diverting 25 million gallons from the Tuolumne. We need to protect the river and instead educate the public about native and drought-tolerant landscaping...homes can be attractively landscaped without acres of water-thirsty lawns. With conservation and sustainable landscaping we can protect the river.

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More water should not be taken
out of the Tuolumne River - I
understand about 60% is taken
out now — that's enough.
Other options: recycling, more conser-
vation & whatever "great" minds should
be able to come up with

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C_Arons

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Tuolumne Water

Eric Arons <ericarons@gmail.com>
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Fri, Sep 14, 2007 at 6:43 PM

Please take no additional water from the Tuolumne. Protect the river habitat
and protect recreational boating. 01

Eric Arons
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COMMENT CARD

San Francisco Planning Department
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
SFPUC's Proposed Water System Improvement Program
Fremont, CA. September 18, 2007



Thank you for participating in tonight's public hearing on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's proposed Water System Improvement Program (WSIP). This is also an opportunity for you to submit written comments on the Draft PEIR for the proposed WSIP.

Written comments will be accepted through close of business on Monday, October 1, 2007. Written comments may be submitted in one of three ways:

1. Leave your written comments in the designated "Comment Box" tonight. These cards are provided for your convenience.
2. Mail your comments by October 1, 2007 to the San Francisco Planning Department, Attention: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer, WSIP PEIR, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103
3. E-mail written comments to wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

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WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

I urge you to cancel plans to divert any more water from the Tuolumne River.

If you consider the value of the river, it is easy to see the destructive effects that further diversion would have. The river is at the heart of a wonderfully diverse ecosystem that would be threatened by the loss of the water. The river also supports recreational activity.

WRITTEN COMMENTS (Continued)

The fact is that 60% of the river's water is already diverted for rural and urban uses. Also, the total volume of river water that the Tuolumne has is threatened by global warming. The SFPUC's growth only model predicts increased demand without considering the important steps that can be taken toward mitigating the increased demand. These are increased conservation efforts, improved efficiency in the uses of water, and recycling. If cities in Southern California are able to mitigate their demand for water significantly using these three factors, the SF Bay Area should, as an environmentally minded community, be able to champion similar effort. Faced with the reduction in river volume due to global warming, the SFPUC should decide not to divert even more water than the 60% that is already diverted. As less destructive alternatives are available, one could even consider that it may be possible to lessen the diversion, not just blindly taking water from an already sensitive situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher Bai

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October 1, 2007

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To: San Francisco Planning Commission
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Re: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission – Draft PEIR for SFPUC
Water System Improvement Program

Honorable Commissioners :

Thanks to minimal notification to the public in San Francisco (ie Sept. 10th **print** ad in the S.F. Examiner), I had not even heard of this critical Draft PEIR for the SFPUC Water System Improvement Program until the evening of September 18th 2007 by word of mouth.

SFPUC was kind enough to give me a print copy of this immense 5 volume document late Tuesday afternoon, and I have been struggling through the 4000 + pages for much of the last 5 days between personal obligations on a very busy weekend.

As you have read and perused this vast report, I hope that you have borne solemnly in mind your primary responsibility to safeguard San Francisco's share of this water supply, and in fact to augment our city's share in light of the large upward boom in residential & commercial construction which I expect and hope may continue for some years. The burgeoning vertical expansions South of Market are actually a very sensible and well-construed way of expanding the residential and commercial capacity of San Francisco with as little impact to the rest of our built city as possible. The extra surge of prosperity that will ensue will allow this City to finance essential 21st Century improvements like high-speed "bullet train" interstate rail connections, and to upgrade our aging municipal infrastructure – one of the most basic elements of which is the water supply.

Hasn't the supply capacity of our huge Hetch Hetchy Water System for ourselves & our 27 large suburban customers in the Peninsula & 'Silicon Valley' almost been reached ? The April 2007 'Los Altos Hills General Plan' (one of our suburban customers) states frankly (on page 9.,

subsection 321.) "Capacity limitations in the Hetch Hetchy system may be reached in 6 to 8 years, or sooner in times of drought." And in light of the constant escalation of urban development in our area, should we not be pursuing every means possible to **increase** our water supply capacity ?? The existing water system was not even intended to suffice **forever** !!

In light of the above, I was shocked to see that additional seismically-safe dams & water impoundments to augment this water storage for San Francisco to thus supply & promote additional population growth in this City, or provide alternate supply in the event of Climate (global warming) or Seismic Disaster, had long been rejected in this Water System Improvement Program (WSIP). There even seems to be some doubt about whether to design and construct a large Desalination Plant (Volume 5, page 186, Appendix H2-5). In San Francisco, we have been gambling for many decades that there may not be a repeat of the full seismic event that the City experienced in 1906, now added to this are the lively new concerns that there are in fact serious changes to Global Climate (re 'An Inconvenient Truth,' 'Not A Drop to Drink,' 'When the Rivers Run Dry,' etc.), which could result in serious drought years for Northern California and our San Francisco Bay Area in particular. Could SFPUC at least approve the Desalination Plant so that we have some minimal **drought-proof** water supply for San Francisco, so that we have a fighting chance to survive such disaster ? Remember that **alternative supply** could also be needed in the event of **terrorist** attack. Could 'Home Security' Funds not help with this last necessary precaution ?

As we are NOT one of the most impacted areas of the United States for water supplies (consider the foreboding plight of Las Vegas, San Diego, and the rest of the Southwest for example), and are also one of the most affluent areas of the United States, national sympathy for our water problems even if there **is** major political change soon, may be rather limited. So, we must be very wary of our geographic & demographic challenges in the near future, and take the first steps to avoid catastrophe as soon as possible.

I was also dismayed to see a rather cavalier assumption that San Francisco customers will continue to conserve water at the present extraordinary low rates of consumption, since we have human (huge population approaching 800,000, which may exceed this) and landscaping needs that will only INCREASE if there is serious drought, or fire disaster (our city is closely built, mainly with wood). I cannot imagine that all the water-saving diligence that my fellow citizens have undertaken here in San Francisco was done with the idea that our

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suburban customers should then freely squander all that we have saved. Any favoritism exposes us to grave danger, and unfair suffering. 03 cont.

This Draft WSIP also makes rather confident predictions about exactly how much population growth, consumption, etc will occur in our area. How on earth do they arrive at these putative figures and how reliable are they ?! 04

Lastly, even though we are obligated to consider the rich natural environment that our Hetch Hetchy system has interfered with by the Raker Act, I certainly hope that the vast human populations of our region willing to live in some of the heaviest densities known in the United States are also considered an intrinsic part of this environment. The meticulous attention given to the problems of sport fishermen, and a not overly threatened species of trout, at the expense of the sole water supply of millions of people, seems excessive. Sorry if this sounds "anthropocentric," but Marine Biology is very advanced now in the 21st Century, and there are other methods of preserving this sturdy trout species while this vast water supply system is upgraded, retrofitted, and repaired.

Very Sincerely,

John Barbey

tel..415-305-2012

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P.S. I also do not understand the "tiered rate" system for rate payers announced. What difference is there between homeowners and other property owners in San Francisco that could justify this ??

CC: SFCC Mayor Gavin Newsom
SFCC Board of Supervisors
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

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Sonora, CA. September 5, 2007



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Because the Tuolumne River was designated a Wild and Scenic River in 1984, certain concessions allowing for recreational opportunities are mandated. It is currently difficult, in many years to get adequate flows for an adequate number of hours per day, for optimum white water boating on the Tuolumne River from Meral's Pool to Wards Ferry Bridge. It is anticipated that with increased water demand by SFPUC, the lack of adequate river flows for an adequate number of hours per day would become even more the norm rather than the exception. If this becomes the case, the tenets of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act would be violated to a further extent than they are currently. SFPUC would be risking lawsuits on behalf of recreational users which might further delay any planned capital improvements. 01

Regarding water conservation and water recycling, the city and county of San Francisco is far below the standard for other large cities both in the state of California and throughout the west in general. How can San Francisco justify taking water from an out of county source, particularly from Tuolumne County which recycles a considerable amount of its water and which is currently on water rationing due to drought conditions. San Francisco should pursue a more aggressive water conservation and water recycling program before even considering taking more water from the Tuolumne River for water sales and power generation. 02

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>



Tuolumne diversion

Allan Berkowitz <ecorabbi@earthlink.net>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Fri, Sep 7, 2007 at 2:38 PM

I strongly oppose the proposal to divert 25 million gallons/day of the Tuolumne River. It is simply unconscionable to place the river in jeopardy. | 01

I register my opinion for the following steps to be taken at this time:

- The SFPUC should re-evaluate its projections for future water demand and conservation potential in light of flaws and inaccuracies in their studies. | 02
- The SFPUC should conduct a study to determine the maximum technical potential for conservation and efficiency savings within the SFPUC service territory. | 03
- Any additional demand should be met through increased investment in conservation, efficiency, and recycling. | 04
- The SFPUC should adopt a policy of reducing diversions from the Tuolumne River over time.
- A comprehensive watershed study should be completed to adequately assess the environmental impacts of the WSIP.

Thank you

Allan Berkowitz
ecorabbi@earthlink.net
Nurture nature...and nature will nurture you!

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Mr. Paul Maitzen
Environmental Review Office
San Francisco Planning Dept.
1450 Mission Street
Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

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Dear Mr. Maitzen,
The Tuolumne River
is in danger.
I am writing you,
Mr. Maitzen, to urge the
City of San Francisco to
reassess its water demand
projections and plans to
protect the Tuolumne River.
Water conservation and
recycling must be required
rather than water diversion
Rankings!
Bonnie Berg 'n

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From Gabie Berliner
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Members of the KUC

I am writing to urge you not to approve taking more water from the Tuolumne River. To do so would be an irreversible tragedy. We are in a time when it is urgent to protect our environment, not strip our natural resources from the face of the earth. To reduce the flow of the Tuolumne would end its wild + scenic status + undoubtedly effect much of our wildlife that depends on it. I rafted that river + hate to think future generations of nature-loving folks would be deprived of that experience.

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Thank you.

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

We cannot and should not divert another 25 million gallons of water daily from the Tuolumne river, especially now that the fall Chinook salmon runs are in extreme jeopardy and that the the Tuolumne is an important spawning river. We must begin to look elsewhere for our water needs, principally towards conservation and recycling of existing water supplies, rather than further depleting a healthy river system. Thank you.

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No More Diversions From The Tuolumne!

Marty Bigos <mbigos@gladstone.ucsf.edu>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 4:00 PM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
Water System Improvement Program PEIR
San Francisco Planning Department

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

As a resident of San Francisco and an avid hiker in the Sierras I am opposed to withdrawing any more water to support sprawl development in the Bay Area.

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I support the alternatives to diversion that protect the Tuolumne. More water conservation, efficiency, and recycling are the best ways to both protect the River, and provide permanently sustainable water for the San Francisco Bay Area.

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Marty Bigos
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Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
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Sonoma, CA, September 5, 2007



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Take no more water out! Please practice conservation and let our natural rivers remain as they are. It is the heritage that belongs to all Americans

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Tuolomne River water diversion

Sean Bourke <sbourke1@yahoo.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 11, 2007 at 12:59 PM

Writing as a concerned citizen opposed to diversion of additional 25 millions of water per day by the SFPUC from the Tuolomne River. I believe it encourages waste, jeopardizes valuable habitat, and would have a deleterious environmental impact overall.

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Thank you,

Sean Bourke, M.D.
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Portola Valley, CA 94028

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Thu, Sep 6, 2007 at 10:09 AM

I was in attendance at the "Public Hearing on the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission proposed Water System Improvement Program (WSIP)" on September 05, 2007 in Sonora California. I understand that this was an "Environmental Impact Meeting". I agree with most of the environmental concerns that was presented at that meeting.

What I have failed to understand is the logic that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is using to support this proposed Water System Improvement Program. I do not understand how the key elements of this program can be achieved with out additional major environmental impacts on the Tuolumne River area.

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I have also failed to understand why the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has not considered using new technology to achieve all of the key elements.

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SFPUC hearings on the draft Program Environmental Impact Report

Subject: **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) Water System Improvement Program**

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Thu, Sep 27, 2007 at 5:02 PM

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I have also failed to understand why the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has not considered using new technology to achieve all of the key elements.

One said technology would be desalination. Desalination is being used more and more around the world to provide people with needed freshwater. Most of the United States has, or can gain access to, ample supplies of fresh water for drinking purposes. But, fresh water can be in short supply in some parts of the country (and world). And, as the population continues to grow, shortages of fresh water will occur more often, if only in certain locations. In some areas, salt water (from the ocean, for instance) is being turned into freshwater for drinking.

A promising method to desalinate seawater is the "reverse osmosis" method. Right now, the high cost of desalination has kept it from being used more often, as it can cost over \$1,000 per acre-foot to desalinate seawater as compared to about \$200 per acre-foot for water from normal supply sources. Desalination technology is improving and costs are falling, though, and Tampa Bay, FL is currently desalinating water at a cost of only \$650 per acre foot. As both the demand for fresh water and technology increase, you can expect to see more desalination occurring, especially in areas, such as California and the Middle East.

Another method is The Modular High-Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactor (MHTGR) this system can supply an adequate supply of fresh water and electric power which are the essential requirements for a high quality of life. In many regions of the U.S., an acute need for new sources of fresh water is emerging as a consequence of sustained drought conditions, high local population growth and deterioration of existing water supplies from contamination and overuse. Although desalination has been a major water source for Middle East countries and island nations, it has not been a significant source of water in the U.S. However the need for both water and electric power is a significant problem in populous regions with high growth projections. The MHTGR is an energy source for both water and power production which has the potential to overcome barriers to using nuclear power as a prime energy source for producing fresh water. The plant is divided into three process areas: the Nuclear Island (NI), the energy conversion area (ECA), and the water production plant (WPP). High- pressure superheated steam from the NI is converted to electric power in the ECA. Reject heat from the ECA in the form of hot circulating water is supplied to the WPP as the energy source for desalinating seawater. About 20% of the seawater supplied to the WPP is converted to fresh water and the remainder is returned to the ocean as slightly concentrated brine.

Of the more than 7,500 desalination plants in operation worldwide, 60% are located in the Middle East. The world's largest plant in Saudi Arabia produces 128 MGD of desalted water. In contrast, 12% of the world's capacity is produced in the Americas, with most of the plants located in the Caribbean and Florida. To date, only a limited number of desalination plants have been built along the California coast, primarily because the cost of desalination is generally higher than the costs of other water supply alternatives available in California (e.g., water transfers and groundwater pumping). However, as drought conditions occur and concern over water availability increases, desalination projects are being proposed at numerous locations in the state Why not in San Francisco?

Environmental impacts not addressed in the Scoping Meeting on the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission proposed Water System Improvement Program:

- 1) The increased delivery demands on the **salt water encroachment**. (Several methods have been examined for the control of saltwater encroachment. These techniques have included reduction of groundwater withdrawals, repositioning of withdrawal locations, utilization of recharge basins or injection wells to artificially maintain freshwater pressure, interception of intruding saltwater through a line of pumping wells parallel to the coastline, and emplacement of a subsurface groundwater barrier between the coastline and pumping wells. Reduction of groundwater withdrawals and relocation of pumping wells are the techniques found to be most effective and economically feasible in the control of saltwater encroachment. Run-off water, river flow, to offset encroachment.)
- 2) The increased delivery demands on the Tuolumne River watershed. (With the majority of the San Francisco's Water System Improvement Program based on a Hydrologic Cycle the demands will never meet the supply.)

To: Peter Drekmeier
Bay Area Program Director
Tuolumne River Trust
Subject: : San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) Water System Improvement Program (WSIP)

I am sadden that with all the efforts of those who spoke, only a small number addressed the problems. *"The vast majority of those who spoke – more than 90% – favored the \$4.3 billion seismic upgrades to the Hetch Hetchy water system, but expressed serious concerns about the proposal to divert an additional 25 million gallons of water per day from the Tuolumne River."*

The number one problem: San Francisco needs more water!
The number two problem: the increasing diversion will do further harm to the Tuolumne River.

We all know that San Francisco will need more water in the future, we also know that we do not have any more water to "give" San Francisco from the Tuolumne River. So why did the vast majority favor *"the \$4.3 billion seismic upgrades to the Hetch Hetchy water system, but expressed serious concerns about the proposal to divert an additional 25 million gallons of water per day from the Tuolumne River."* This does not solve any problems. Also this vast majority has not provided a plan to meet the future demands for water for San Francisco. Therefore: no solution for problem number one or two!

Now lets talk about requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling. This is also not an answer to lessening impacts on the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water plan for the Bay Area. The projected need for water in San Francisco bay area will be far more than they can get from Tuolumne River even with more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling.

If this goes the way San Francisco Public Utilities Commission wants it to go, they also will not have a solution for either problem. The Tuolumne River and it's environment can not give up more water.

In summery, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission should start an environmental impact report on the development of alternative sources of Water. San Francisco could be a leader in the development of desalination for California and the rest of the nation. Also by introducing reduction of groundwater withdrawals, repositioning of withdrawal locations, utilization of recharge basins or injection wells to artificially maintain freshwater pressure San Francisco could set a standard for the rest of California and the nation. By doing the above, San Francisco and California could return to our children, grandchildren and all future generations "The Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River".

This is a solution to both problems!

A win-win for all!

If this response has not been directed to the correct department, please forward it. If anyone has any

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questions or if I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

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Tuolumne River

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Mon, Sep 24, 2007 at 12:29 PM

24 Sep 07

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
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San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I am displeased by the packaging of improvements to San Francisco Water Department aqueducts and the diversion of water from Sierra rivers.

Put on separate ballots, I think you'll find broad support for improving the system and hardly any for taking more water from already depleted rivers. The issues are not related in kind, one being a maintenance issue, the other, water policy. Historically water policy has been made to serve real estate interests that invite growth at the expense of current residents.

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Please separate these issues lest it be seen as a deception.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Maltzer:

As a kayaker of the Tuolumne River I am concerned about your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River as it fails to adequately identify and address all of the environmental impacts to the River. Only by ensuring that healthy amounts of water continue to flow into the Tuolumne River can we protect this irreplaceable natural treasure and ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy this amazing river canyon. I urge you to undertake additional studies before finalizing this document.

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As other communities in California are pursuing conservation of water resources, the SFPUC's "preferred alternative" ignores conservation, efficiency, and recycling measures that their own studies found could eliminate the need to divert more water from the Tuolumne by at least 74%. When it comes to water conservation, the Bay Area lags far behind other metropolitan areas such as Seattle and Los Angeles that are reducing water consumption even in the face of growth. As a region known for a strong environmental ethic, the Bay Area should be a leader in water efficiency and conservation.

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I support the alternatives identified in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from new diversions. Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lessen impacts on the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water plan for the Bay Area.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Bresolin
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Sonora, CA. September 5, 2007



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It's time for San Francisco to be alert to wise actions regarding conservation and recycling of a variety of resources, and especially, in this case, water. ~~Water is a precious resource that we must protect and conserve. S.F. can do its part on implementing efficient measures that restrict/ redefine perhaps, water use. What requirements have~~

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WRITTEN COMMENTS (Continued)

already ^{well} made on Bay Area residents? many of whom enjoy the year-round beauty of our area. ^{well} the Bay Area was my home, and at the time, I did not even think about the detrimental effects of ~~water~~ water consumption in relation to the Tuolumne River. How many residents in the Bay Area have been informed of ~~the~~ the ^{key} ~~importance~~ ^{impacts} regarding ^{the result of} taking more water, ~~of~~ ~~actions~~ ~~they~~ ~~would~~ ~~take~~ & to make a difference. - ~~from~~ ~~to~~ ~~even~~ ~~considering~~ ~~the~~ ~~importance~~

The solution ~~then~~ rests in the hands of residents in the Bay Area, in a shift in consciousness, to ~~be~~ conserve, to see their water as a ~~precious~~ resource to be treasured.

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Please send me a copy of the CD



Liz Brooking
 <etbrooking@earthlink.net>
 09/12/2007 08:59 AM

To <bill.wycko@sfgov.org>
 cc
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 Subject FW: Please Protect the Tuolumne River

I understand from Mr Maltzer's email reply that you are assuming his duties, therefore I am forwarding you this note. Many thanks for your consideration.
 Liz Brooking

----- Forwarded Message

From: Liz Brooking <etbrooking@earthlink.net>
 Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 21:56:22 -0700
 To: <YOSE_Planning@nps.gov>, <gavin.newsom@sfgov.org>, <paul.maltzer@sfgov.org>
 Conversation: Please Protect the Tuolumne River
 Subject: Please Protect the Tuolumne River

Dear Mayor Newsom, Mr. Paul Maltzer and Commissioner Ryan L Brooks

We should employ a more conservative approach to our use of natural resources - and, it should be a priority to educate the public as to the value of conservation.

We continue to consume water and other resources beyond what is really needed and reasonable to coexist with nature.

- Why can't we pass laws to stop individuals and businesses from hosing down the sidewalks when a broom is usually sufficient.
- Let's recycle and reclaim more water.
- Shouldn't we be rationing water as a matter of course?

The Tuolumne is a beautiful place and home to many species. I urge you to meet our water needs and protect the Tuolumne River for future generations through conservation and recycling, rather than by withdrawing more water and depleting the river.

Thank you,

Liz Brooking
 3045 Jackson Street #202
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Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 6:43 PM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
Water System Improvement Program PEIR
San Francisco Planning Department

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I urge you to do additional studies of the Tuolumne River before finishing your environmental review of the SFPUC's plan to take more water from it. 01

I believe that the Tuolumne should be protected from any new diversions.

Sincerely,

Louis Bryan
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing because of my concern for the SF Public Utilities Commission plan to withdraw more water from the Tuolumne River. It is my understanding that, while the PUC is trying to plan for growth and provide resources, the growth projection seem to be excessive. 01

Instead, it is my strong feeling that water conservation should be pursued more aggressively in the plan, with increasing pricing if necessary to reflect the true cost of providing water.

It is my understanding that other large metropolitan areas, such as Seattle and Los Angeles, have succeeded in providing for growth while limiting water usage. In the Bay Area, with our history of innovation, and environmentally sensitive population, I hope that we may also be able to limit our water usage. 02

Yours sincerely

Keith Buckingham



Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Conserve water, stop groundwater overdraft, restore instream fisheries & recreation

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Wed, Sep 19, 2007 at 8:24 PM

To: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer, WSIP PEIR, SF Planning Department
From: Juan Byron, customer, 545 Moore Road Woodside, CA 94062-1108
Re: Please implement conservation, not Water System Improvement Program
September 19, 2007

Thank you for the opportunity to review the 5 volume proposed Water System Improvement Program. I appreciate your consideration of the following constructive criticisms:

- 1) The proposal documents a trend (from 1965 to now) of decreased water use per customer, yet your water demand projections conflict with historical data. My experience as a homeowner and water customer over more than 20 years is that residential and commercial customers are conserving water and can easily use 10% less water if "incentivized" to do so by increasingly tiered water rates.
- 2) The 82 year hydrologic record upon which the proposal is based tends to ignore earlier historical, geological and anthropologic evidence that pre-modern and modern societies thrived in your service area for hundreds of years with almost no water storage or distribution.
- 3) The "significant impacts" and "lesser impacts" identified for the Tuolumne, Alameda and Peninsula watersheds are all unacceptable since voluntary conservation of water is more economical and effective for both the consumer and the utility. I believe engineering best practices will allow seismic upgrade of the water distribution system without the above impacts because of the vastly redundant nature of the nine major reservoirs and multiple parallel pipelines that characterize this system.
- 4) Continuing overdraft of the Westside Groundwater Basin, lowering of Lake Merced's water level, and likely contamination of drinking water due to groundwater pumping are all unacceptable impacts given that voluntary conservation of water in SFPUC's service region would meet realistic water supply objectives. Depleting our local groundwater truly leaves us exposed to catastrophic risks, since this groundwater ought to be able to sustain life and important commerce regardless of deliveries from the Sierras. Why use up local groundwater now, when it should be a reserve? If SFPUC is truly concerned about providing adequate water quantity and quality, it would negotiate, legislate and litigate an end to salinization and selenium poisoning of nearby water sources by our "uphill" neighbors like customers in the Westlands Water District.
- 5) The WSIP proposal seems to be inappropriately aimed inflated growth inducement by stream diversion and groundwater overdraft. Rather than just acknowledging the substantial impacts (increased traffic, air pollution, water pollution, global warming and decreased quality of life) caused by WSIP, please implement a version of the modified WSIP with the least diversion from the Tuolumne River and the least environmental impact. The "no purchase request increase" alternative should be combined with the least environmentally impacting modified WSIP alternative. It is not right for SFPUC to encourage "Los Angeles-like" traffic jams and pollution by making more water available than the service area needs.
- 6) Several of your "least environmentally impacting" alternatives are seriously flawed by continuing groundwater overdraft. Please re-frame as many alternatives as possible to include aggressive conservation but exclude using groundwater at a level which draws it below maximum storage capacity.
- 7) The "year round desalination" alternative should be recognized as a bad idea due to direct costs and indirect costs such as from the air pollution (global warming) and water pollution (salt concentrate pumping) which will result.
- 8) The "regional desalination for drought" alternative deserves further study, but should be implemented cautiously so as not to harm users by global warming and increased growth. I envision plants which run as little as possible until mandatory conservation (rationing) has been tried for a year.
- 9) Please raise the rates for all water users in a tiered manner which is explicitly directed at getting everyone to conserve water.
- 10) Please continue to study the "remove O'Shaughnessy Dam" alternative, since you should be offsetting any loss of income (from hydropower sales) with increased water fees. O'Shaughnessy Dam impounds only a small part of the system's water. Hetch Hetchy Valley could be restored as a national treasure within a generation. A modern Congress could be convinced to reverse the process which allowed SF to flood Yosemite National Park, especially since SF does not have the influence that it had 100 years ago.

In closing, I respectfully remind SFPUC that more than a generation of Americans have been exposed to the exploitative history of bay area water development through authors including David Brower, Marc Reisner, Wallace Stegner, Donald Worster, William Kahri, Robert Righter and Kevin Starr. Many of us now agree with the assessment of John Wesley Powell, a trained engineer and hydrologist, that we must live within the resources of our small regional watersheds. "Meeting water supply objectives" does not impress us, when the objectives are to increase water supply beyond sustainable levels at a cost that includes destroying the fishery industry, fouling our already marginal air quality, crowding our already over-crowded roadways and increasing global warming. Many now recognize that the natural environment SFPUC is responsible for stewarding has both a economic value and the (increasingly rare) aesthetic values described by John Muir.
Sincerely, Juan Byron

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3. E-mail written comments to wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

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WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

Only a few people mentioned population as the driving force for all our water needs. Family planning should be one of your main public education goals!

I am writing today to prevent more water from being taken from the Toulumne River. The watershed for the Toulumne River is a delicate landscape and it would be devastating to the environment to remove more water for the Toulumne River. We have all the water we need and water conservation should be encouraged instead of destroying one of the most beautiful areas in the US.

Thank you
Birgit Chase

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Hetch Hetchy PEIR

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Sun, Sep 30, 2007 at 1:08 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I urge the SFPUC to support the NO SUPPLEMENTAL TUOLUMNE RIVER SUPPLY.

SFPUC already takes as much as 265 mgd or 60% of Tuolumne River supply. I could not find SFPUC's total water right, but I suspect in a severe drought situation it could be all of the flow.

SFPUC is in a position to create a "dry" river bed because of it's extreme water right and it's profit motive to sell the excess at very high rates to its users south of San Francisco. There appears to be limited conservation efforts since the average usage of users in some communities has increased over the last decade.

Water pricing encourages excessive usage and little conservation. San Francisco has established an excessively large amount of water for it's first tier or "lifeline" residential usage. Some Southern California water districts establish "lifeline" residential usage at 3 units per month, not 7 units as is common here in Northern California.

Furthermore the price for water units above 7 units does not increase no matter how many units a residence uses. No attempt has been made to price water in a way that encourages conservation, as was done during the severe drought years when 4-7 rate tiers were in effect in Palo Alto. Residential usage fell dramatically.

SFPUC is guilty of encouraging more water usage by it's pricing methodology. Palo Alto and other Hetch Hetchy users followed suit.

According to a recent water audit from Santa Clara County, water loving landscapes account for at least 60% of water usage in residential and many commercial campuses. Almost all of this water is of drinking water quality, rather than recycled treated water.

Conspicuous consumption is everywhere. Water runs down the gutters nightly because of poor irrigation systems. Grass and lush tropical gardens abound in this semi-arid Mediterranean climate.

I intend to contribute as much as I can to the inevitable law suit that will accompany any SFPUC recommendation to take another 25 mgd from the Tuolumne. Conservation, recycling, and reusing is the answer.

Sincerely,

Lynn Chiapella
631 Colorado Avenue
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To: The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
The San Francisco Planning Department
From: Ann Clark, Ph.D.
Katherine Howard, ASLA
Date: September 20, 2007
Subject: Review and Comments on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Water System Improvement Program (WSIP)

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This review looks at possible impacts and significant environmental issues in four areas: (1) the Hetch Hetchy Water Delivery Infrastructure Costs and Finances, (2) Drought, Climate Change, and Global Warming, (3) Water Use and Demand for More Tuolumne River Water, and (4) Mitigation Alternatives.

We support the retrofitting and renovation of the Hetch Hetchy infrastructure and the water delivery system. We trust that the final PEIR includes recommendations that avoid or will mitigate significant negative environmental effects for Hetch Hetchy, the Tuolumne River and connected eco-systems and water ways.

(1) Hetch Hetchy Water Delivery Infrastructure Costs and Finances

The PEIR's \$4.3 billion estimated Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) includes the Hetch Hetchy infrastructure and water delivery system to SFPUC's 28 wholesale customers (primarily Peninsula, East/South Bay municipal and private organizations) and San Francisco City and County retail customers.

According to the draft PEIR, SFPUC wholesale customers' water demand is approximately 67% of the system's water. San Francisco retail customers' water demand is 33%.

a) Significant Environmental Effect Issues

The \$4.3 billion bond indebtedness—which can be reasonably expected to increase over the course of the project—is a major concern.

One of the major overall WSIP goals and objectives is to "ensure cost-effective use of funds." The environmental mitigations are an integral legal part of the complete WSIP program and its funding. If mitigations

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1. City and County of San Francisco Planning Department, 2007. Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Water System Improvement Program, Vol. 4: Chapter 9, CEQA Alternatives, Table 9-1.

required as a part of the cumulative environmental impact of the entire program are not funded, legal problems may result.²

The draft PEIR appears to indicate that San Francisco retail customers will be largely responsible for bond costs, water conservation requirements, and high water rate increases. San Francisco voters have agreed already to carry the burden of a \$1.6 billion bond.

Who will pay for the remaining \$2.7 + billion? Unfortunately, information in the draft PEIR is insufficient to determine if there will be adequate resources for the completion of the mitigations required for the over-all system improvement program.

b) Specific Requests for Final PEIR Report Analysis and Data

To ensure adequate and sufficient financial resources to complete legally required program environmental impact mitigations, both a detailed program costs analysis and documentation of how an equitable, proportional distribution of program costs will be achieved must be included in the final PEIR. Costs for each of the wholesale and retail customers should be based on water use and mandated conservation goals.

Because the SFPUC 2009 contract will have a collective environmental impact on the water system improvement program, a detailed environmental analysis of the 2009 contract needs to be included in the final PEIR. Separating the environmental review of the program from that of the contract is an illegal partition that prevents adequate review.

Because the wholesalers are required by AB 1823 to reimburse SFPUC for the wholesalers' share of costs, the final PEIR needs to include specific 2009 contract conditions for equitable, proportionate rates and charges for water use, including wholesale and retail incentives for water conservation requirements.

(2) Drought, Climate Change, and Global Warming

Although the draft PEIR addresses drought cycles, climate change, and global warming, the draft PEIR does not sufficiently analyze the potentially disastrous, exponential harm to the Tuolumne River brought about by the coalescing of the cumulative effects of drought cycles, climate change, and global warming.

a) Significant Environmental Effect Issues

The draft PEIR is limited and narrow in its review of climate change and global warming. The lack of adequate, up-to-date research and analysis is highly environmentally significant for the WSIP and the draft PEIR.

2. September 11, 2007: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Regular Meeting: Commissioners discussed a possible cost increase from \$4.3 to \$4.6/ \$5 billion as well as possible cost-driven reductions. No decisions were reached.

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i) A Drought-Cycle State and Water Resources

Despite pictures of sun bathers on beaches and postcards of surfers on ocean waves, California is a drought-cycle state.

The PEIR design draft model is in 8.5 year intervals. Although there are variances in this model, 6 years are drought, dry, below normal or restoring years. In restoring years, additional river water is needed to refill the depleted Hetch Hetchy reservoir and other resources.

Because of the rate of current water diversions (60%), the Tuolumne River is immediately affected by drought, dry, below normal and normal restoring years. Continually, the river is at risk.

To augment water from the Tuolumne during difficult dry periods, the draft PEIR recommends diverting an additional 23 mgd of Tuolumne water from yet-to-be negotiated agreements with Modesto and Turlock Irrigation Districts. But the Modesto and Turlock Districts are also caught in California's drought cycle. The additional 23 mgd of water would be an additional draw down of water from the Tuolumne.

Without considering changes due to climate change and global warming, the Tuolumne remains a river constantly at risk.

The draft PEIR concludes that climate change and global warming are insignificant and have minimal, if any, effect on the river. Moreover, the PEIR concludes that the effects of climate change and global warming will not be significantly understood until near mid-century, at which time adjustments can be made.

The draft PEIR endorses a "use now and worry later" policy. A no-action response policy is insufficient and inadequate. Such a policy places the Tuolumne and all its connected eco-systems and water ways at great risk.

b) Effective Environmental Practices

Instead of a "use now and worry later" policy, the East Bay Municipal Utilities District (East Bay MUD) examined possible climate change and global warming impacts. Planning and operation models were developed. As a result, East Bay MUD took pro-active steps to protect its water system. The plan includes water efficiencies, conservation, and flexible

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management strategies. East Bay MUD is cited as the first water district to join the California Climate Action Registry.

Leadership and action plans have developed across the western states in California, Arizona, Oregon, and Montana. Conservation, flexible management strategies, and coordinated regional plans have been identified as best practices. There is no excuse for the SFPUC not to develop and carry out these best management practices.

We all understand the critical importance of emergency and earthquake plans and preparedness. In the 21st century, the same is true for climate change, global warming, and drought cycles. The final PEIR must include a pro-action plan, and not a “use now and worry later” policy.

c) Specific Requests for Final PEIR Report Analysis and Data

Additional PEIR research and analysis is needed to address the exponential effects of climate change, global warming, and drought cycles as well as to protect the Tuolumne and all its eco-systems from potentially serious, significant environmental impacts. Conservation requirements, water efficiencies, and mitigations must be developed and implemented.

San Francisco’s proposed no-action policy is a red flag for environmental challenges and criticisms. No-action ignores the importance of on-going conservation activities and effective management plans to protect the river; guard the safety and reliability of the water delivery system; ensure economic growth and meet customer needs.

The final PEIR should focus on conservation, recycling, re-use, and delivery management efficiencies as water first priorities. These are proven, cost-effective strategies that protect the environment and support growth and development. There is no excuse for the SFPUC not to take action. Volume 3, Chapter 5, 5.7.6 needs to be revised with adequate mitigations developed and implemented.³

(3) Water Use and Demand for More Tuolumne Water

At this time, 60% of the Tuolumne River is diverted for water consumption. The draft PEIR recommends that additional water be diverted from the river in order to meet the needs of wholesaler customers.

a) Significant Environmental Effect Issues

In the draft PEIR, there are major discrepancies in the assumptions, research models, and recommendations applied to the wholesalers and

retail customer. The discrepancies and assumptions result in diametrically opposed policies for water use and active conservation.

A double standard is established. For example, additional mandatory conservation will not be required for wholesalers, but will be required for retail customers.

i) Double Standard: Discrepancies and Assumptions

Wholesale customers. Based on the assumption of “more growth, more water”, the draft PEIR recommends an increase in water diverted from the Tuolumne to meet the growth needs of wholesalers. Wholesale conservation goals are left to suggested methods and parameters in “respective urban water management plans”.⁴

As a result, the wholesale model not only offers limited incentives for water conservation, but also does not penalize additional water usage. The wholesale model produces a significant negative environmental effect—extra demand on water and less demand for conservation.

San Francisco retail customers. The assumption is “more growth, less water” for San Francisco retail customers. This model predicts a decrease in San Francisco water and an increase in growth and development. The model follows the lead of proven conservation and growth policies.

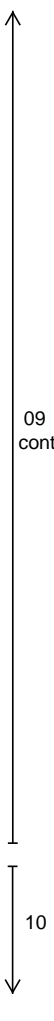
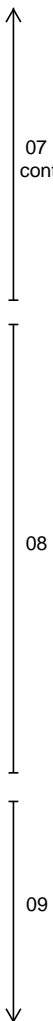
Various PEIR estimates predict San Francisco’s water will decline between 4% and 11%. The decline will occur at the same time San Francisco’s population is expected to increase by 12% and San Francisco employment by 25%.

San Francisco’s water use decline is factored on a PEIR required 10 mgd conservation goal which includes groundwater supplies, recycling, and reuse. The San Francisco model produces a water first conservation priority—a positive environmental effect.

b) A Water First Conservation Priority: Effective Environmental Practice

A major over-all goal and objective of WSIP is to “improve use of new water sources and drought management including use of groundwater, recycled water, conservation, and transfers”.⁵

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³ City and County of San Francisco Planning Department, 2007. *Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission’s Water System Improvement Program*, Vol. 3: Chapter 5, 5.7.6.

⁴ . City and County of San Francisco Planning Department, 2007. *Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission’s Water System Improvement Program*, Vol. 4: Chapter 9, pg.62
⁵ Ibid: Chapter 9, CEQA Alternatives: Table 9-1.

In the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, water use decreased 16% in a thirteen year period (1990-2003). Population increased by 14%. The MWD includes Los Angeles. During a thirty-five year period, retrospective, longitudinal data indicate 2005 Los Angeles water use is close to the 1970 water use with increases in population during the thirty-five year growth period.

Other cities and water districts have reduced water use during times of growth and development. Denver, Boston, and Seattle combine conservation, recycling, reuse, and efficient water management as a means to support growth and development. These water methods are cost-effective and reliable. Moreover, they construct a systemic, long-term approach to sustainable water management and use.

There is no excuse for SFPUC not to adopt water conservation measures without delay.

c) Specific Requests for Final PEIR Report Analysis and Data

Additional research is needed for an in-depth analysis of districts and cities in California and the United States which have decreased water use and met growth needs. The analysis should look at how these areas (now and in the future) differ from the SFPUC area and how they are the same. The analysis should address how San Francisco can specifically use methods and procedures from these models to facilitate the development and implementation of water first conservation policies to meet current and anticipated growth. The analysis should also address methods and procedures that would not be effective for SFPUC, and why the methods would not be effective.

Based on CEQA requirements, additional research is needed to provide expanded regional analysis of specific wholesale project growth needs that have an impact on the San Francisco Bay Area region. Significant impacts include major residential developments, large businesses, shopping centers, commercial, hotel and motel expansions, government and educational growth, and industrial, manufacturing, and processing plants. Based on this research and analysis, the final PEIR needs to develop an environmental plan to incorporate program-based and project-specific wholesale plans and conservation methods into an integrated system of local and regional planning and environmental protection.

Expanded research is needed to analyze fully the twenty-one year plan to divert additional water from the Tuolumne. Year by year, the research must evaluate the aggregate and collateral effects of less and less river water each year on (1) the health and welfare of the river, (2) potentially endangered species and habitats, and (3) all the eco-systems, including the

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delta, that receive water from the Tuolumne. Based on the expanded research, the analysis needs to determine which sustainable environmental alternatives and superior mitigation methods are required in WSIP and the 2009 contract to address long-term environmental protection for the Tuolumne and all its interconnected environments. Although research is presented in the draft PEIR, this research does not address fully the overall effects of long-term river water diversions and the necessary 2009 contract requirements to ensure the future, on-going health and welfare of the river.

The mitigations in Volume 2, Chapter 4, Attachment 4-A: Mitigation Measures to Minimize Facilities Impacts; Volume 3, Chapter 5, Attachment 5-A: Mitigation Measures to Minimize Water Supply and System Operations Impacts.; Volume 4, Chapter 6, Summary of all Impacts and Mitigation Measures, Tables: 6.3 through 6.15, and Chapter 9, CEQA Alternatives will need to be revised when the additional research and analysis recommended in sections 2-c and 3-c of this response are completed.⁶

d) Equitable Conservation: Specific Request for PEIR Alternative Mitigations

To avoid the complications and challenges of disproportionate standards, inequitable costs, and questionable assumptions, the final PEIR must analyze and recommend standards in which equitable and proportionate conservation requirements are mandatory for all wholesale and retail customers.

An Example of Equitable Conservation

The draft PEIR states that SFPUC wholesale customers use approximately 67% of SFPUC water while San Francisco retail customers use 33%.

Although estimates may vary, by 2030 the wholesale customer use increases to 77%. San Francisco use declines to 23%, with 10 mgd required conservation. Equitable conservation can be factored by correlating water demand with conservation requirements (million gallons per day, mgd).

Example of Equitable Conservation Requirements to 2030

SFPUC	Water Demand	Conservation Requirement
San Francisco Retail	23%	10 mgd
Wholesale Providers	77%	34 mgd
Total	100%	44 mgd

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⁶ City and County of San Francisco Planning Department, 2007. *Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Water System Improvement Program*, Volumes 2,3,4: Chapters 4,5,6, 9; Attachment 4-A, pp 4-10, Attachment 5-A: Tables 6.3-6.15, Table 9-3.

An extensive list of possible water conservation measures for SFPUC wholesalers is available from the SFPUC.⁷

Equitable and proportionate conservation and efficiencies are in line with SFPUC's current tiered water rates, charges, policies, and practices.

Using draft PEIR data, the present level of Tuolumne water use combined with equitable and proportionate efficiency requirements and conservation are sufficient to meet growth and development needs in 2030. We can conclude that wholesale growth and development are feasible, without diverting additional water from the Tuolumne.

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(4) Mitigation Alternatives

The Aggressive Conservation/Water Recycling and Local Ground Water, No Supplemental Tuolumne River Supply alternative is the environmentally superior mitigation. The draft PEIR/WSIP preferred alternative is inadequate.⁸

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**The 21st Century and Water Challenges
San Francisco's Sustainable Environmental Responsibility**

San Francisco is known for its leading edge in green projects, sustainable design, environmental protection, and global warming and climate change awareness. The final PEIR/WSIP has the responsibility to reflect San Francisco's environmental leadership,

It is important that the San Francisco PUC and the San Francisco Planning Department work closely with the San Francisco Department of Environment and the Mayor's Office of City Greening to develop the best possible SFPUC water system improvement program and 2009 water contract. Together, San Francisco and SFPUC can become the leading edge in water management, efficiencies, and conservation. There is no excuse for this not to happen.

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Dear Mr. Maltzer,

Please do not take additional water from the Tuolumne River. Moderate conservation measures will allow the Bay Area to grow while using the same amount of Tuolumne water.

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At my vacation home in Tuolumne County I watch the Tuolumne River rapids. There is no water to spare in the river.

Of course, in Palo Alto we drink Tuolumne water. I support the Hetch Hetchy system and its existing dam and diversions, however, we should take no more water from the river. Fortunately, we do not need to.

Sincerely,



Gray Clossman

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Dear Commissioner Ryan L. Brooks,

01 How can you possibly allow the environmental degradation that would come as a result of ~~pulling~~ pulling more water from the Tuolumne? As the Sierra snowpack shrinks, Sierra rivers, like the Tuolumne, will become an increasingly unreliable source of water. Pulling more water from this river, for lawn watering is just ludicrous. Why give lawns clean pure drinking water when we already have water shortages across California? We can recycle water, from our showers & sinks and use that water for our lawns. There are so many possibilities for conservation that will sustain our cities growing water needs. San Francisco is supposed to be an environmentally friendly city. ~~San Francisco is doing~~ Other cities like L.A and Seattle have met their growing water needs through conservation. Can we do the same? please?

Caroline Coleman
 308 Anza St.
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Dear Paul ~~Kotler~~ Maltzer,

01 Please do not authorize the enormous water grab that will threaten so much fish & plant wildlife on the Tuolumne River. The effects are tremendous & I urge you to undertake additional studies or not go through w/ the project at all. There are so many alternatives that will help SF meet its growing water needs through conservation. Other cities like L.A. & Boston have had similar programs for a long time & they have proved successful. We can do it too. Please don't allow the draining of the Tuolumne. Caroline Coleman USF Junior

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Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
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Re: Tuolumne River Water Theft

I speak as a native Californian who has rafted and backpacked in that most beautiful of God's creations, the Sierra, and I speak in opposition to the SF Public Utilities Commission plan to increase the already glutinous amount of river water they are currently removing from this pristine waterway.

This river is not a Utility that falls into Ronald Reagan's view of one of our natural resources--"If you've seen one redwood tree, you've seen them all".

Desk-bound bureaucrats who dwell in the forest of numbers, never having engaged in the spiritual communion of the wilderness, do not have the right to rape our environment using false statistics which are based upon predictions of unknown origin to suit their stilted justification.

They have not addressed, with any vision, the ramifications of global warming, which has already motivated the State of California to predict that the Sierra snowpack will be increasingly reduced over the coming years-----the winter of 2006 has recently borne this out.

About 60% of the Tuolumne is already being diverted. Any more diversion will seriously affect the fresh water supply into the SF Bay and surrounding wetlands, thereby threatening the entire Bay Area ecosystem.

Many other cities have already incorporated proven conservation and recycling measures that are saving water resources. For the City that was once recognized as "The City That Knows How"--San Francisco is turning its back on leadership and innovation. Please rethink this dangerous plan of draining our rivers, and think conservation, recycling and efficiency.

Sincerely,
Robert Collin

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*Paul Maltzer
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RE: Tuolumne River water to San Francisco

Dear Mr Maltzer,

This letter is to state our response to SFPU/City & Co San Francisco's request to take more water from the Tuolumne River, Tuolumne County, CA.

Allowing any further water allotments on the Tuolumne River would be detrimental to Tuolumne County - Tuolumne County needs the water! Please do not allow any more gallons of water to go to San Francisco area.

San Francisco & the area it serves, needs to conserve water as we do here in Tuolumne County - this can be done through education and mandates.

Sincerely,

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Sun, Sep 9, 2007 at 2:40 PM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
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Dear Paul Maltzer,

As a San Francisco Peninsula resident, I am greatly disturbed by the proposal of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to divert an additional 25 million gallons of water per day from the Tuolumne River. This designated Wild and Scenic River contributes much needed freshwater to the San Francisco Bay and is a valuable asset to our watershed and the Bay Area.

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Please make sure that the San Francisco Public Utility Commission re-evaluates its proposal and puts its research into finding and encouraging alternative ways of conserving water. This precious river needs to remain as it is!

Respectfully,

Mary Davey, Director Ward 2
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

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Tuolumne River Protection

Joel Davidson <joelscottd@earthlink.net>
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Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 8:53 AM

Paul Maltzer and San Francisco Planning Department,
I am writing as a frequent visitor to Yosemite and user of the crystal, clear water of the Tuolumne river.
I have lived in Palo Alto for the last 37 years. I beg you and the San Francisco Planning Department to protect this pristine, natural treasure through strong conservation efforts and use of recycling water programs rather than increasing water diversion. I am a strong advocate and practitioner of conservation in my own water use. I've recently had a personal water audit for my own home which I am happy to say was quite conservative use. I, also, as secretary of my homeowner's association condo complex had a water audit for our complex by the Santa Clara County Water District and we are now in the process of implementing the recommendations from their report. Our water savings and use should allow us significant savings in water and costs. I urge you with all my heart please develop a sustainable water plan and protect our precious water resources. Thank you for your consideration to allow my grandchildren (4) to experience the wild beauty of the Tuolumne River.

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Commissioner Ryan Brooks, President
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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2530 San Pablo Avenue, Ste. I
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Dear President Brooks,

With its headwaters in Yosemite National Park, the Tuolumne River is a national jewel that is home to an outstanding native trout fishery, bald eagles, black bears, and thrilling whitewater.

Unfortunately, instead of increasing water conservation and recycling efforts, the San Francisco PUC plans on meeting future water demand by taking more water out of the Tuolumne, a federally designated Wild and Scenic River.

I urge you to meet our water needs and protect the Tuolumne River for future generations through conservation and recycling rather than withdrawing more water and depleting the Tuolumne River.

The fate of the Tuolumne River rests in your hands.

Sincerely,

Lisa Day

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save the Tuolumne ecosystem + conserve

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Tue, Sep 18, 2007 at 8:16 PM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
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Dear Paul,

The Tuolumne River already supplies water for 2.4 million people in the Bay Area. This potential increase in water intake from the Tuolumne River threatens further damage to the riparian ecosystem that includes bald eagles, spotted owls, prairie hawk and wild trout. Previous increased withdrawals reduced the chinook salmon population to less than 100 fish. Populations have rebounded back to 18,000 after more water was released into the river.

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Increased withdrawals from the Tuolumne River may also decrease the amount of freshwater that flows into the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. I was just on the Delta, in the growing town of Pittsburg, and the water doesn't smell too great! Plus, the resulting change in water chemistry in the estuary may threaten the health of this ecosystem that supports 750 species, 18 of which are listed as threatened or endangered.

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Solutions

Withdrawing more water from the Tuolumne River is not necessarily the only option we have to meet our water needs in the future. One way to add to our water supply is to reduce usage. Although we have already made tremendous progress in conserving water (total water use in the US is the same as it was in 1975), there is the potential for even greater water savings. A study conducted by the Pacific Institute shows that we can save 1/3 of current urban water usage with existing technologies. Simple household retrofits can save the average household 22,000 gallons of water a year. More aggressive conservation techniques can ensure that we have enough water for our ecosystem as well as the human population.

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Recycled water is another option that could conserve even more water. By reusing treated wastewater for non-potable sources such as landscape irrigation, toilet flushing and other industrial uses, even less water would be required out of the Tuolumne River. Some golf courses, parks and schools have already started using recycled water for irrigation without any complaints of illness. This drought-proof resource, if expanded, could potentially provide a greater share of non-potable water uses and reduce the stress on our water system.

One intriguing new option is desalination of brackish water. Once considered cost-prohibitive, new technologies are making desalination more feasible. The Alameda County Water District recently brought a desalination plant in Newark, which receives slightly brackish water resulting from saltwater intrusion into groundwater thus decreasing the amount of salt that needed to be extracted. Feasibility studies have already been conducted and a proposed schedule has the project completed by December 2009.

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Utilizing aggressive water conservation techniques, using more recycled water and constructing desalination plants are all ways of attacking the water supply issue at both the demand and supply ends. These resources may even be more cost-effective in the long run as water saved is water earned. Perhaps, more importantly, these options can ensure a sufficient water supply for the present and future generations without endangering the health of the Tuolumne River and the San Francisco Bay Delta-Estuary ecosystems.

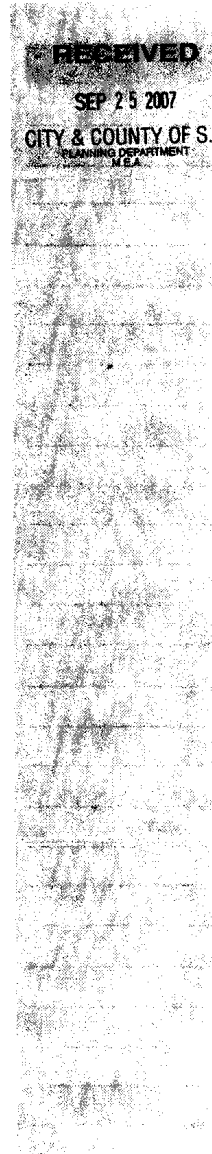
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Best Regards,

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San Francisco Planning Department
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
SFPUC's Proposed Water System Improvement Program
Palo Alto, CA. September 19, 2007



Thank you for participating in tonight's public hearing on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's proposed Water System Improvement Program (WSIP). This is also an opportunity for you to submit written comments on the Draft PEIR for the proposed WSIP.

Written comments will be accepted through close of business on Monday, October 1, 2007. Written comments may be submitted in one of three ways:

1. Leave your written comments in the designated "Comment Box" tonight. These cards are provided for your convenience.
2. Mail your comments by October 1, 2007 to the San Francisco Planning Department, Attention: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer, WSIP PEIR, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103
3. E-mail written comments to wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

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WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

Dear Mike Maltzer:
It appears to me, after hearing the comments at the SFPUC hearing in Palo Alto, last week, that it would be wrong to divert an additional ^{5 million} gallons of water from the Tuolumne River each day. Conservation and recycling seems to me to be the much wiser option.
Sincerely, Fred Duperault

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Inadequate EIR re Tuolumne

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Sun, Sep 30, 2007 at 9:04 PM

Dear Mr. Maltzer,

I attended and spoke at the public meeting in Palo Alto a few days ago.

THE CASE FOR DRAWING SO MUCH ADDITIONAL WATER from the Tuolumne River IS NOT PROVEN by the simple, almost linear projections based on estimated population growth. 01

YES by all means make SEISMIC protections, as soon as possible. 02

BUT...

WE MUST and CAN and WILL CONSERVE declining water resources, at every point, from the mountains to our fields and taps. MARKETS with PRICES, along with ranges of use, different levels of risk, and other flexible analyses and response mechanisms instead of per capita estimates are essential as we enter times of the greatest challenges man has ever faced. 03

I urge you to greatly reduce the proposed draw-down from the Tuolumne until revised, better quality investigation is done. If and only if a solid case is made should this option be considered further.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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September 24, 2007

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
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San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Maltzer,

While it is necessary to safeguard our assurance of continued healthy water supply to the community all possible effects must be weighed carefully.

The environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River fails to adequately identify and address all of the environmental impacts to the River. I urge you to undertake additional studies before finalizing this document. In contrast to other metropolitan areas that have managed to reduce water demand in the face of growth, the anticipated 14% increase in demand projected by the SFPUC is large and out of step for the Bay Area. 01 02

I support the alternatives identified in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from new diversions. Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lessen impacts on the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water plan. The PEIR fails to properly identify and address all of the impacts of taking more water from the Tuolumne River. This failure largely stems from the lack of an adequate baseline study of the Upper Tuolumne River – a comprehensive study has not been conducted in over 15 years. 03 04

Only by ensuring that healthy amounts of water continue to flow into the Tuolumne River can we protect this irreplaceable natural treasure.

With sincerest intentions,

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Mr. Paul Meltzer
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Dear Mr. Meltzer,
I am very disturbed to hear that S.F. water plans involve taking more water from the Tuolumne River. Not only do what Los Angeles did when the courts told them they had to limit water withdrawal from the Mono Basin. See page 6 - Mono Lake Newsletter - Fall 07 - enclosed.
I have never heard or read of any water conservation in San Francisco. My county (Santa Clara) supplies for low flow shower heads + faucet aerators (see Sierra Club article Vol 27 # 10 enclosed). It's just an example of what can be done.

If Los Angeles is using the same amount of water they used thirty years ago and they have 4 million people! It's not S.F. and other users of Hotel Nohki water do the same (or better)?

Thank you for reading this note and for considering my suggestions.

Ben Farnum D.D.S.

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Statewide water droplets

by Geoffrey McQuilkin

DWP's Nichols departs

In July, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (DWP) Commissioner Mary Nichols was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to chair the California Air Resources Board. As a result she has resigned from the DWP Commission. Her leadership skills will be of great benefit in Sacramento, where her new duties include implementing California's landmark global warming legislation.

Nichols had been the Commission's point person on Eastern Sierra matters and the leader of conceptual discussions about how DWP land holdings in Mono County might receive a guarantee of remaining open space (see page 7 for more). Commission Chair David Nahai will now fill that role and continue these discussions, commenting: "We remain resolutely committed to the protection and preservation of DWP lands in Mono County, to the ongoing fulfillment of all environmental standards, and to the continuing improvement of our relationship with Mono County and its residents."

Recycled water legislation AB 1481 advances

Recycled water projects are critical tools for Los Angeles to control water use. Important legislation (AB 1481) authored by Assemblyman De La

Torre would standardize permitting requirements for use of recycled water for landscape irrigation.

Committee Executive Director Geoff McQuilkin testified in support of this legislation earlier this year and the bill is currently in the final stages of development in the State Senate. DWP officials hope to quickly increase use of recycled water—thus offsetting use of fresh Sierra water—if the new procedures take effect.

Water Board sees recycled water as critical

The State Water Resources Control Board will be promoting use of recycled water through a new policy due out this fall. The draft policy explains why recycled water use is in the best interest of the state and how Regional Water Boards can write permits to encourage use of recycled water while assuring the public that human health and the environment will be protected. At its center, the policy proposes the development of groundwater basin management plans to determine how increasing salts from all waters, not just recycled water, will be monitored and treated.

State Water Board members Gary Wolff and Frances Spivy-Weber have taken the lead in developing this policy. Spivy-Weber notes that the policy is particularly important in light of recent

dry conditions in the Sierra and the West, increasingly dire predictions of hydrologic uncertainty in the future due to climate change, and the rising cost of energy to deliver imported water to Southern California. Further details are available at www.waterboards.ca.gov.

Los Angeles tops four million

Los Angeles' population grew by more than 37,000 people last year, state demographers reported this past summer. That pushes the city population to just over four million people. Los Angeles is still the country's second-largest city (New York City is first).

How do all those Angelinos get their water? Mono Lake supporters well know that the Eastern Sierra provides a tremendous amount of water to the city of Los Angeles. But take heart: through cutting edge conservation and reclamation programs—many of them advocated and supported by the Mono Lake Committee—the city is using the same amount of water it did thirty years ago despite the population increase.

Geoff McQuilkin is the Committee's Executive Director. He saw his youngest daughter Ellery off to her first day of preschool this fall.

Mono Lake parcel from page 3

owned by MMSA includes all property portions west of Highway 395, including the existing structures and virtually all of the proposed subdivision sites. Recognizing the critical importance of this property, MMSA paid a premium of a half million dollars—and spent untold hours in lengthy negotiations. The final sale price was \$4 million; a recently updated appraisal valued the land at \$3.5 million. All the development

rights associated with the property have transferred to MMSA.

This is the second time MMSA has taken ownership of the property. However this time there are no options or buyback clauses that would allow the Cunninghams to regain ownership in the future.

Mono Lake supporters familiar with this issue will note that 10% of the property remains under the ownership

of the Cunninghams. This sliver of land is located east of Highway 395, between the highway and the boundary of the Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve. The Cunninghams' goals for the land are unclear, but rumor has it that they may seek to pursue a shaky claim of ownership to State Reserve lands.



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Sun, Sep 30, 2007 at 11:48 PM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer:

Being an "environmentalist" I am very concerned about our water future and misinformation that Peter Drekmeier and the Tuolumne RiverTrust are putting forth. I understand that the comment period for the PEIR closes at 5 pm on Monday.

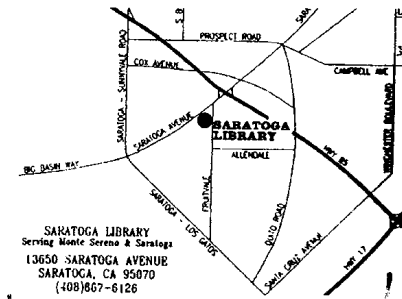
Some points below refute what the TRT is saying:

For example, the voluntary 10% water conservation program in the SFPUC service area (including BAWSCA) has achieved a 13 % reduction in water demand in the last six months according to Susan Leal, and as reported at the BAWSCA meeting last Thursday night. Drekmeier was there. -- No mention of this in his Monday letter, because it doesn't suit his objective--- "an inconvenient truth". Also the River is not a 162 mile river that "Cascades", most of it meanders through the Central Valley, and only about 27 miles of it (in the Canyon) is designated "Wild and Scenic". Another point (not mentioned): the proposed SFPUC diversion from the Tuolumne is but 8/10 of one percent more of the average river flow." (SFPUC currently diverts about 12%. So they would be diverting about 12.8%). "Modesto and Turlock are the big water diverters, but TRT cannot get any traction with them and San Francisco is a much better target, and is in line with the legacy of John Muir. ... If we have a big recession, or if more conservation is achieved, the need may be even less. Meanwhile, if we have a big earthquake we could be out of water with catastrophic impact on a scale that matches or exceeds the Katrina impact on New Orleans. The legal challenges by NRDC and decision by Federal Judge Wanger regarding Delta pumping, places even more reliance on Hetch-Hetchy for an assured supply to the peninsula and East Bay.

Finally, he (Peter) states that the SFPUC's plan to increase diversions will delay the seismic improvements and result in cost overruns. What he does not say is that the TRT will sue San Francisco unless it drops the diversion plan. This threat was made in the BAWSCA meeting last Thursday. The effect of a lawsuit (standard environmental practice) is to delay the program, but the intervenors have no accountability or responsibility for adverse consequences."

Thus, my concern. It has taken the SFPUC YEARS to get to this point. We MUST move forward with the seismic upgrades. Thank you! Jan Fenwick Past Board member of the Purissima Hills Water District.

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Being Green – by Bob Groff

Water has been in the news again. Water rates are going up and the snow pack in the Sierra, where our water comes from, is going down. Using less water is becoming a must. There are some simple things you can do to save water. Putting in low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators will save water and you can get them free in Santa Clara County by calling the Water Conservation Hotline at (408) 265-2607, ext 2554. You can also schedule a free Water-Wise house call in Santa Clara County by calling 1-800-548-1882. In San Benito, call (831) 637-4378 for free showerheads, faucet aerators, and appointments. San Benito will even install the devices for you. There are also rebates for replacing your water thirsty lawn with drought tolerant plants and for upgrading specific items. Call the above numbers for more information. Give it a try. It is up to each one of us.

These steps could be taken by San Francisco.

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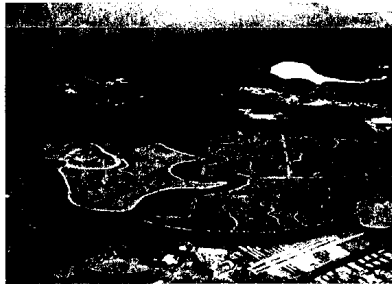
Monthly Meeting Information

When: THURSDAY Oct 11th 7:30pm
GRG General Meeting
Saratoga Library Community Room

Salt Pond Restoration in San Francisco Bay
Clyde Morris, Refuge Manager,
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay NWR
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Topic: The restoration of 15,000 acres of former Cargill commercial salt ponds for wildlife habitat

www.southbayrestoration.org
www.fws.gov/desfbay/AboutSF.htm



The Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club has been actively involved in the planning process for how the salt ponds will be restored. Of particular note is the possibility of increasing tidal marsh habitat for the endangered species: clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse.

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Don't take more water from the Tuolumne!

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Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 1:38 PM

Please stop the draining of the Tuolumne River NOT necessary with proper conservation! 01

Thank you.

David Fielding

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NO Tuolumne River destruction to sell to wasteful East Bay water hogs and sprawl

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Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 9:33 PM

San Francisco is not in the business of selling water to hogs in the East Bay. I am ashamed of my city that we would even be considering such destructive, unethical, illogical, inappropriate actions. John and Janet Fiore 01

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Please protect the rivers

We need our rivers and our water.

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To Commissioner Ryan L Brooks, President
SFPUC

I understand the SFPUC plans on meeting future
water demand by taking more water out of the Tuolumne,
a Federally designated Wild & Scenic River.

Why not meet water needs & protect the Tuolumne
River for future generations through conservation &
recycling?

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Thursday, September 27, 2007

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Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
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Dear Mr. Maltzer,

I do not support the current environmental review of the S.F. Public Utilities Commission's plan to divert more water from the Tuolumne River. This river is an asset to the state as it is, offering recreation opportunities to the citizens of California, habitat to native species, and fresh water to our own Bay Delta system. Decreased snow pack from drought years is already affecting the flow of this river, we cannot afford further diversions.

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However I was very pleased to see some of your alternative suggestions: requiring conservation efforts, increased efficiency and water recycling. The reality is that we will have to do these things anyway, as population grows. Let's get our water consumptive culture thinking about conservation sooner rather than later. I would strongly support this kind of effort.

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Enough is enough, it is time to prioritize the health of our Wild and Scenic rivers, and stop whittling away the water that flows through these watersheds. They are one of the legacies of this great state and should be treasured and protected.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Personal Tuolumne perspective

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Tue, Sep 25, 2007 at 1:17 PM

Dear Mr Maltzer;

The day the Tuolumne was designated Wild and Scenic is very clear in my memory. I was guiding on the river that day. The crystal water and dramatic canyon seemed especially beautiful.

My perspective on the Tuolumne comes from two points of view. I am a Palo Alto home owner who enjoys the pristine water that comes out of my tap. I also have an intimate knowledge of the river, having guided it's white water for 27 years. It is hard to put the value of a wild river into hard facts and figures. There are few things that really change people in this world. I have seen hundreds of people changed by just a day or two on the Tuolumne. In an America more and more dominated by concrete shopping centers and corporate franchising, it is essential to maintain the resources where nature can touch a person's life. There is very little that accomplishes this, like a white water river; and there are very very few rivers that can be compared to the Tuolumne. The complexity of it's rapids, the isolation of the canyon, and the sheer beauty of the river itself make running it an experience that few forget.

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Our Bay Area community, and our world need more resources like the Tuolumne river, where we experience something that make us all a little more humble and appreciative of the fragile natural world that is our home. One can lecture about global warming and the need to protect our environment. My experience, is that the Tuolumne river speaks for itself and for this world with an eloquence that is more persuasive than anything we can say.

Thank you,

Peter Fox

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Protect The Tuolumne River Through Conservation

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Sat, Sep 22, 2007 at 1:19 PM

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September 22, 2007

Mr. Paul Maltzer
Environmental Review Officer, WSIP PEIR
San Francisco Planning Department

Dear Mr. Maltzer,

Please act to protect the Tuolumne River for future generations by requiring water conservation, efficiency, and recycling, **instead of taking more water from this river.**

The SFPUC should re-evaluate its projections for future water demand and conservation potential for these reasons:

- The PEIR uses flawed modeling to determine the anticipated increase in water demand, thus inflating projected future needs. Other metropolitan areas (especially Seattle and Los Angeles) have managed to reduce water demand even in the face of growth. 01
- The PEIR fails to properly address all of the impacts of taking more water from the river because it lacks an adequate baseline study. A comprehensive study has not been done for 15 years, and a current study will not be completed in this review period. 02
- The PEIR does not take into consideration the impact of climate change on precipitation in the Tuolumne River watershed. 03

Decreasing reliance on the Tuolumne is critical not only for protecting the health of the River, but also for preparing for the future uncertainty of the Sierra snowpack due to global warming.

Water conservation and efficiency measures are the cheapest, easiest, and least destructive ways to meet demand and extend supply.

Respectfully, Caroline Garbarino, Technical Editor, Palo Alto, CA.

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Dear Planning Commission,

Please make meetings available to people, by meeting after working hours.

I want to express my opinion about taking more water from the river. I want to express my total opposition to the PUC taking additional water from the Tuolumne River. No more water!

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Tuolumne River

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Sat, Sep 29, 2007 at 6:29 PM

To: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
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Your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River fails to adequately identify and address all of the environmental impacts to the River. I urge you to re-evaluate the projections for future water demand and conservation potential and to undertake additional studies before finalizing this document.

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I believe that decreasing reliance on the Tuolumne is critical not only for protecting the health of the River, but also for preparing for the future uncertainty of the Sierra snowpack as a result of global warming.

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I support the alternatives identified in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from new diversions. Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lessen impacts on the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water plan for the Bay Area.

Sincerely,

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October 14, 2007

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
Water System Improvement Program PEIR
San Francisco Planning Department

Subject: Tuolumne River

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

Section 5.3 of the PEIR relates to the Tuolumne Watershed. The maps, tables and flow data are informative and are a great resource to get a better understanding of the complex hydrological and meteorological interactions and their effect on the biological resources in the watershed.

The additional water diversion from the Tuolumne River will have a significant effect, as is summarily acknowledged in the slide show presentation (#17, 21 & 22). Since these effects are irreversible and, since there are other means of obtaining sustainable water supply for the SF Bay Area, further diversion from the Tuolumne River is not an acceptable solution.

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I urge that other means be considered. For example, conservation; water recycling/gray water use; reduced water allocation to certain agricultural crops; price structures reflecting higher cost for excessive consumption; encouraging composting toilets where appropriate; changes in the Uniform Building Code to require separate plumbing for gray water; incentives for planting drought resistant gardens. I am sure there are many more creative ideas that should be considered. The natural resource of the Tuolumne must not be sacrificed or reduced in any way. The River is our heritage.

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Cordially,

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Tuolumne River environmental review

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Tue, Sep 25, 2007 at 11:19 AM

(Date)

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
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Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I support the alternatives identified in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from new diversions. Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lessen impacts on the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water plan for the Bay Area.

Please note that I believe guidance for water conservation should be in terms of absolute use as well as percentages. Recent requests to reduce water usage by "20%" in the Bay Area does not adequately recognize those of us who have never stopped conservation of water since the last drought. My water usage today is almost always less than the 100 gal per day (including sprinklers) recommended at the height of the last drought, due to xeriscaping and changing personal habits to permanently reduce water usage. It is half that in the winter. If everyone did the same, then there would be no need to take more water from the Tuolumne, even if population increased.

Please do a more thorough environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River. The initial review fails to adequately identify and address all of the environmental impacts to the River, the Delta and the San Francisco Bay. I urge you to undertake additional studies before finalizing this document.

Only by ensuring that healthy amounts of water continue to flow into the Tuolumne River and the SF Bay can we protect this irreplaceable natural treasure.

Best wishes,

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Protecting the Tuolumne River

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Wed, Sep 26, 2007 at 6:00 PM

Dear Mr. Maltzer,

As an environmentally conscious San Francisco resident, I appreciate your recent review of the PUC's plan to withdraw more water from the Tuolumne River. However, I encourage you to delve further into the issues at hand before making any final decisions.

Before taking more water out of this valuable resource, it is essential to consider both the habitats and marine life of this river. Whereas there are alternatives to increased water extraction, such as water recycling and conservation, the Tuolumne animals and habitats have no choice but to be subject to our decisions.

Please consider the big picture and make the right decision. The Bay Area is lucky to be home to some important and wonderful resources. Let's keep it that way.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Goodman

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Thu, Sep 27, 2007 at 3:51 PM

Sept. 27, 2007

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Dear Mr. Maltzer:

Your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River fails to adequately identify and address all of the environmental impacts to the River. I urge you to undertake additional studies before finalizing this document.

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I support the alternatives identified in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from new diversions. Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lessen impacts on the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water plan for the Bay Area. With some of the leading educational, social and political institutions in the US, if not the world in our area, other metropolitan areas look to San Francisco for guidance, leadership and inspiration. Let us continue to lead the way by working together to set a precedent for sustainable resource management. Any investment in the conservation of natural resources such as energy and water will pay-off in the long run and ensure our ability to compete and succeed in the world market, not to mention a healthy and beautiful place for future generations to raise their families.

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Sincerely,

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SFPUC proposal to divert more water from Tuolumne River

David Greene <dg@bayarearesearch.org>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 11, 2007 at 1:28 PM

Dear Paul Maltzer,

A brief note in support of the environmentalists' campaign for SFPUC to re-evaluate its projections for future water demand and conservation, and to determine the potential for conservation and efficiency savings. They should adopt a policy of REDUCING diversions from the Tuolumne River over time, not increasing them. It's long overdue for our water management policies to take into account the impact of climate change on precipitation in the Tuolumne River watershed. Conservation and efficiency should be our primary policy focus for a more sustainable water management future.

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Best regards,

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Tuolumne River under consideration for further diversion

Greene, Kat <Kat_Greene@intuit.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Fri, Sep 21, 2007 at 2:57 PM

Mr. Malzer,

I learned that the river is being considered for further diversion for human water consumption. This deeply concerns me. Over half the water from this river is already diverted, having far-reaching consequences on the habitat it used to supply. I'd like to see reference to studies which show decreases in mammals, reptiles, and flora since the diversion began.

Please consider conservation and other methods of using what we have before taking more water away from the islands of wildlife we have left. Please revisit your study. I think there are important pieces missing.

I hope as a steward of public resources that you will represent my thoughts on this matter.

Thank you for your consideration,

Katherine Greene

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing today to prevent more water from being taken from the Tuolumne River. Instead I urge you to increasing water conservation and recycling programs, this is a far better alternative to allowing 60% of the Rivers water to be sent to feed more towns and Urban sprawl across the East Bay. By pursuing a plan to divert additional water from the Tuolumne River the SF PUC risks delaying their Capital program causing cost overruns, and failure to increase the reliability of the water supply.

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Thank you

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October 15, 2007

Mr. Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer, WSIP PEIR
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Mr. Maltzer:

I appreciate the extra review time to make comments on the DPEIR for the WSIP. The Planning Department Draft provided much information, but not enough on the Raker Act compliance.

The Raker Act portions of the PEIR, Section 2.4.2 page 2-33 & 4, and Section 2.5.1 page 2-37, or elsewhere do not address the question I raised in the scoping meeting in October 2005 relating to the requirement that the City develop local supplies before diversion from the Tuolumne River as stated in Section 9(h) of the Act. Specifically, the WSIP is not developing the full amount of ground water, stressing water efficiency adequately and planning little recycling of waste water for cooling and landscape purposes as is required by the Act. Developing desal alone is not adequate compliance. Please discuss plans for compliance with this requirement in the City and in the service areas.

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The Planning Department Draft PEIR for the SFPUC WSIP provided much information, but not enough on five questions:

I ask that the San Francisco Planning Department to expand the discussion in the PEIR for the impacts on San Francisco's numerous water rights on the Tuolumne River¹ of the SFPUC establishing a temporary or permanent policy for reduction in diversion from the Tuolumne River every year by using other measures² for reducing demand to the present average annual export³ to reduce the hardship of rationing on their customers during drought⁴.

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For the same question, discuss the impact of export reduction from the Tuolumne River on the operation under the Raker Act⁵.

For the same question, discuss the impact of the Lower Tuolumne Diversion⁶ on San Francisco's water rights.

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For the same question, discuss the impact of the Lower Tuolumne Diversion⁶ on the operation of the Raker Act⁵.

For the same question, discuss the impact of the Lower Tuolumne Diversion⁶ on the operation of the four agreements among SF, TID, and MID⁷.

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Also, discuss the impact of lowered flow in the lower Tuolumne River on recreational activities of boating, duck hunting by boat, bass fishing by boat and from shore, and swimming and picnicking at the Stanislaus County parks and fishing accesses⁸.

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Please note that the "improving and enlarging the Lower Cherry Aqueduct"⁹ may not be provided for in Raker Act documents and a full EIR is requested.

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Footnotes:

1. PEIR Section 2.5.1
2. PEIR Section 9.2.4, conservation, water efficiency, recycling, ground water, conjunctive use in the service area, other than purchase; Section 8.3.3, desal in the service area or nearby; and ground water banking in counties outside the service area
3. PEIR Figure 2.4, p 2-18, 82% of 265 mgd = 217 mgd in your base year for the PEIR of 2005
4. PEIR Figure 2.5, p 2-19 "up to 25%"
5. PEIR Section 2.4.2 and p 2-37
6. PEIR p 9-60 through 62
7. PEIR Section 2.5.2
8. PEIR p 6.4.2, p 6-51; and 5.7-38
9. PEIR p 5.7-6

Bob Hackamack P.E.

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Tuolumne River Water Plan - comment

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Mon, Oct 15, 2007 at 8:55 AM

Attn: Paul Maltzer

I urge you to support an environmentally sustainable plan for Tuolumne River usage that emphasizes conservation and recycling. Taking more water from the Tuolumne will be detrimental to wildlife and the natural environment as a whole. 01

More efficient water use and a more diverse mix of water supplies would also minimize the risks associated with a shrinking snowpack that is expected as a result of climate change. 02

Let's safeguard the Tuolumne River for future generations.

Diana Hall
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Sept. 20, 2007

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
& San Francisco Planning

I write the following as I was not able to return and speak before the board.

I can appreciate the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's necessity to plan for future water needs. However, I do not agree with the proposal to divert an additional 25 million gallons a day from the Tuolumne River.

Since it appears that outdoor water use drives 60% of the anticipated increase in water demand, I urge water conservation as the top priority for meeting future water needs. Water conservation is cheap, relatively easy and much less destructive to the environment.

The Bay Area drastically lags behind other metropolitan areas when it comes to water conservation. I believe if a vast metropolis such as Los Angeles is able to implement conservation measures so that a precious body of water known as Mono Lake is allowed to recover from near extinction, then the Bay Area, a region known for strong environmental ethics, certainly has the capacity to be a leader in water efficiency and conservation in order to protect the health of the Tuolumne River. 01

Diversion of additional water from the Tuolumne River is destructive to the environment, wasteful and irresponsible. Again, let me stress, **conservation** is the key to the health of the Tuolumne River, and to the future water needs of the Bay Area,

Thank you,
Kimberly Hamilton-Lam
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San Francisco, CA
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Sept. 25, 2007

Dear Mr. Maltzer,

I am strongly opposed to the plan for more water diversion from the already heavily impacted Tuolumne River. Approximately 60% is currently diverted for urban and rural use. Continuing to take more from the river seems to violate its 1984 designation as a Wild and Scenic River.

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Bay Area residents need to become water conscious and realize the urgency to be much more efficient in outdoor water use. I understand that 60% of the new diversion is targeted for that purpose. We fall far behind other California metropolises in water conservation.

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The Tuolumne River is the main tributary to the San Joaquin River flowing into the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The Delta is already under stress, and more diversion of fresh water could cause serious damage from the invasion of salt water, disrupting the estuarine ecosystem.

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I support the alternatives proposed in your draft document that protect the river from new diversions. I urge you to protect the magnificent Tuolumne River.

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Sincerely,

Carol Hankermeyer

Carol Hankermeyer
Environmental Educator

Dear Commissioner Brooks,
With so many water conservation technologies, with a water ~~crisis~~ crisis already at hand in California, why would you take water from the Tuolumne, especially to water lawns? Clean water used for watering lawns? Believing that we can ~~keep~~ keep taking water from rivers such as the Tuolumne is insane. Rivers are not permanent sources of water, especially, as I said before, for watering lawns, which can easily be ~~also~~ watered with previously used water. On top of the sheer stupidity that the ~~state~~ thought of this ~~project~~ project emits, it is also a waste of money. Money that could easily be used for more practical purposes such as the constantly growing homeless problem that avaris such as San Francisco face. So, please rethink your views on this ~~stupid~~ project and realize the idiocy of this water plan.

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Sincerely,
alex hendricks

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5.15.07

Dear Commissioner Brooks.

Taking water that keeps our wildlife thriving is a preposterous idea. Taking water from the animals and plants that rely on this river as a source of life. The animals and plants along the beautiful banks of the Tuolumne River need the water more than people who need to water their lawns. The right choice would be to let the nature be. Make the right choice.

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Sincerely

Paul Henry

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Water grab from Tuolumne River

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Tue, Sep 25, 2007 at 6:20 PM

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Dear Mr. Maltzer:

My name is Kristin and I am very concerned with the possibility of a taking more water out of the Tuolumne River. The environmental impacts that would occur as a result of the extra water being diverted, far out weight the need for more lawns and suburban sprawl across the East Bay, which is where 60% of the water would be sent to. I think that this is a huge mistake and a problem that has many other possible solutions. You should instead focus your efforts on increasing water conservation and recycling programs. This is a far better alternative for the river, the environment, the wildlife, our cities, and us. I truly hope that you take all of the public's comments into serious consideration before you make a horrible decision that would affect all walks of life for generations to come.

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Sincerely,

Kristin Herron
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94044

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

tuolomne river future--please save this river

Christopher Hest <kayakasia@yahoo.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Tue, Oct 16, 2007 at 12:06 PM

I write in hopes of persuading you and others to drop the plans to increase water takes from the Tuolomne. The T is already at risk of losing its unique status in California's natural heritage and I think that the evidence submitted by DFG and other concerned parties should rule out further diversions. Please let's all save this incredible resource for all Californians. 01

Christopher Hest
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Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV To: Diana Sokolove/CTYPLN/SFGOV@SFGOV
cc
09/25/2007 09:29 AM bcc
Subject: Fw: the Tuolumne

----- Forwarded by Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV on 09/25/2007 09:29 AM -----



Sidney Higgins
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09/20/2007 04:09 PM cc
Subject: the Tuolumne

Dear Sir, Only a friggin' idiot would think of taking more water from the Tuolumne River, or from any other river. HULLLO! More conservation, conservation, conservation!!!!!! Be part of the solution, not the problem. Leave the Tuolumne alone. Sincerely, a water conserver in Los Angeles, Sidney Higgins 01

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Draft Program EIR re SFPUC's Water System Improvement Program

Jeff Hoel <jeff_hoel@yahoo.com>

Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 1:10 PM

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San Francisco Planning Department
Attention: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
WSIP PEIR
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San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

Here are my comments about the WSIP DPEIR
(San Francisco Planning Department File No. 2005.0159E,
State Clearinghouse No. 2005092026).

In general, the DPEIR is written to cover the possibilities that SFPUC's treated water could contain either chlorine or chloramine as the residual disinfectant; but occasionally it fails to mention both possibilities. Is it SFPUC's intent to have covered both possibilities consistently?

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Does SFPUC believe that for the WSIP described in the DPEIR, there would be more environmental impact if chloramine were the residual disinfectant than if chlorine were the residual disinfectant? If not, why not? If so, would SFPUC be willing to switch from chloramine to chlorine, at least for the duration of the WSIP construction projects?

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Thanks very much.

Jeff

Jeff Hoel
731 Colorado Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94303

PS: Please see my more detailed comments and questions below. Thanks.

PPS: I became a member of Citizens Concerned About Chloramine (CCAC) on 9-26-07, and I have been attending their meetings for a while. I agree with their point of view that SFPUC shouldn't be using chloramine as a residual disinfectant until scientific human health studies can show it's safe. This message is from me personally, and does not necessarily represent the views of CCAC.

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Detailed comments and questions:

6-29-07 (updated 7-6-07):
"Public Notice: Availability of Draft Program Environmental Impact Report"

<http://sfgwater.org/detail.cfm/MC_ID/13/MSC_ID/167/C_ID/3512/ListID/6>

The above webpage says the DPEIR can be viewed online here:
<http://www.sfgov.org/site/planning_index.asp?id=37672>

The DPEIR mentions "chloramine" or "chloramines" or "chloramination" in these sub-documents:
(Google "site:www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning
(chloramine OR chloramines OR chloramination)" 10 hits.)

Glossary:
<http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/vol1_glossary_wsip-dpeir.pdf>

No comments or questions.

Chapter 2:
<http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/vol1_ch2_wsip-dpeir.pdf>

No questions or comments.

Chapter 3:
<http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/vol1_ch3_wsip-dpeir.pdf>

Table 3.12 mentions that project SF-2 has this operational change:

Increased chlorination or chloramination supplies during drought years only, ...

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Why? (If SFPUC is providing less water, as it does in a drought, why does it need more supplies?)

Chapter 4, Sections 4.1 to 4.5:
<http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/vol2_sec4-1_to_4-5_wsip-dpeir.pdf>

Page 4.5-17:

Discharge of Chlorinated Water

Because chlorine is toxic to aquatic life in both freshwater and saltwater, the SWRCB considers that every discharger that uses chlorine has the potential to cause acute toxicity due to total residual chlorine (TRC) in freshwater and chlorine-produced oxidants in saltwater.

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SWRCB thinks chloramine is even worse:
<<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb2/Agenda/08-9-06/08-09-064eosr.doc>>
"... chlorine toxicity to aquatic life persists longer in chloramine-treated water."

Page 4.5-21:

In general, implementation of the WSIP projects would not have direct long-term effects on the hydrology or water quality of regional and local surface waters. However, short-term

construction impacts could result in erosion or sedimentation or discharge of construction-related pollutants to local water bodies, causing water quality effects.

Could short-term construction impacts also result in discharge of chlorinated or chloraminated water (which might not be classified as a construction-related "pollutant" per se)?

Operation of some projects could also result in the discharge of chlorinated or chloraminated water, treated stormwater, or recycled water to water bodies, causing potential water quality effects.

Why "potential"? *If* water is discharged, aren't the water quality effects actual?

I have the impression that chloraminated water would have a worse environmental impact than chlorinated water, because chlorine dissipates from water more readily than chloramine and because chloramine is typically used at a higher concentration than chlorine. Does SFPUC have that impression too? Is it relevant to the DPEIR? Did SFPUC consider the possibility of switching its residual disinfectant from chloramine to chlorine during construction (and/or subsequent operation) to minimize environmental impact of discharges, both accidental and unavoidable?

Page 4.5-32:

... the following action pertaining to dechlorination of water prior to discharge would be implemented as part of the WSIP projects....

What does this mean if the residual disinfectant is chloramine?

Page 4.5-42:

While both chlorine and chloramine are effective disinfectants for potable water,

This dependent clause is misleading. Chlorine is orders of magnitude more effective than chloramine at killing E. coli and rotavirus. <www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwg/S04.pdf>

the discharge of chlorinated or chloraminated water into natural waters can be detrimental due to the toxicity of chlorine, ammonia, and chloramine to aquatic organisms. Chlorine residuals (both free and combined) are acutely toxic to aquatic organisms at low concentration and are persistent due to their stability.

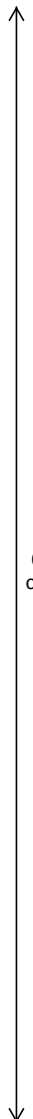
Chloramine is much more "persistent" than chlorine.

What literature supports the view that chlorine, ammonia, and chloramine are toxic to aquatic organisms? Does the literature say specifically for each of these chemicals how toxic it is to which aquatic organisms?

Are humans considered to be aquatic organisms? If not, is the DPEIR nevertheless concerned about the toxicity of chlorine, ammonia, and chloramine to humans?

The San Francisco Bay Basin Plan standard for residual chlorine is 0.0 milligrams per liter

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This document mentions four limits, all less than 0.02 mg/L but not zero: <www.tritac.org/documents/summaries/2006_05_Water_Issue_Summaries.pdf>

It is claimed that (the ionized form of) ammonia is not harmful, so that if only the chlorine portion of chloramine is removed, that's good enough. But is it really good enough? In Chapter 5, Section 5.5, it says that before chloraminated water is put into Crystal Springs Reservoir, the chlorine part is "completely" removed and "most" of the ammonia part is removed. I assume that is done because it is thought to be necessary.

Chapter 4, Section 4.6:

<http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/vol2_sec4-6_wsip-dpeir.pdf>

No questions or comments.

Chapter 4, Sections 4.7 to 4.11:

<http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/vol2_sec4-7_to_4-11_wsip-dpeir.pdf>

No questions or comments.

Chapter 4, Sections 4.12 to 4.17:

<http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/vol2_sec4-12_to_4-17_wsip-dpeir.pdf>

No questions or comments.

Chapter 5, Section 5.5:

<http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/vol3_sec5-5_wsip-dpeir.pdf>

Page 5.5.3-1:

In 2005,

On February 2, 2004....

the SFPUC changed the method it uses to disinfect water in order to comply with drinking water standards. Formerly, the SFPUC disinfected water with chlorine; now it uses chloramine, a chemical compound that contains both chlorine and ammonia. Ammonia is a form of nitrogen that rapidly decomposes in natural waters to another form of nitrogen called nitrate. Past studies have shown that the growth of algae in Crystal Springs Reservoir is limited by lack of nitrogen and phosphorous [sic], both of which are plant nutrients; therefore an increase in the concentration of either could increase the growth of algae. To avoid the discharge of nitrogen and the possible consequent increase in algae concentration in Crystal Springs Reservoir, the SFPUC constructed dechloramination facilities at the same time it constructed chloramination facilities. The dechloramination facilities completely remove the chlorine and remove most of the ammonia from water before it is discharged into Crystal Springs Reservoir. The use of chloramine as a disinfectant has resulted in a small increase in the concentration of nitrate in Crystal Springs Reservoir (SFPUC, 2006).



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(I looked for the cited document online but didn't find it.)

Quantitatively, how much ammonia is removed -- and how much remains?

If the ammonia in chloramine is not completely removed when water enters Crystal Springs Reservoir, must it be removed later, before free chlorine primary disinfection can occur in the treatment plant(s) fed by Crystal Springs Reservoir?

(In this PDF file, phosphorus is misspelled as "phosphorous" 7 times.)

Appendix A:

<http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/vol5_apdx-a_wsip-dpeir.pdf>

Section 6.2.1 (page 51) says that comments have been received about topics:

... including use of chloramines for disinfection and effect of chloramines on pipe materials.

How can I view these comments?

What pipe materials will be used in the project described by the DPEIR? What documents the effect of chloramines on these materials?

Appendix C:

<http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/vol5_apdx-c_wsip-dpeir.pdf>

No comments or questions.

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September 20, 2007

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Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I am strongly opposed to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) proposal to divert an additional 25 million gallons of water per day from the Tuolumne River as part of its Water System Improvement Plan (WSIP). The SFPUC already diverts one third of the Tuolumne's water and 60% of the river's water is already diverted. Taking large amounts of water from a river is very harmful to the river, its surrounding ecosystems, and the plants and animals that depend on the river and the ecosystems. Too much water is already diverted from the Tuolumne River; the SFPUC should not exacerbate these harms by taking even more water.

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The San Francisco ballot initiative that authorizes the WSIP was promoted as a badly need repair for San Francisco's water system. As the campaign coordinator for Sierra Club's "No on Prop A" campaign I was part of a coalition opposing that ballot initiative because of the environmental harm that would be caused by taking even more water from the Tuolumne, even though initiative proponents insisted that no additional water would be diverted. Unfortunately, our analysis of the initiative proved to be correct: the WSIP is as much about taking more water out of the Tuolumne in order to promote development of open space, which will cause further environmental harm, as it is about repairing our aging water system. I find the dishonest tactics of the proponents of this project to be rather egregious.

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The large majority of us in San Francisco are strong proponents of protecting the environment. Unfortunately, the SFPUC promotes several projects outside of San Francisco, such as this one, that are very environmentally destructive. The actions of the SFPUC outside of San Francisco are in direct opposition to the will of the residents of our city. Please reconsider this ill advised plan to do further harm to the Tuolumne River, its ecosystems and wildlife by taking even more water from this river. The environment deserves better and the residents of San Francisco deserve actions from the SFPUC that are in harmony with our environmental concerns, not actions that are opposed to them.

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Sincerely,

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San Francisco, CA 94110-5113

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Comment on Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

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Fri, Oct 12, 2007 at 9:40 PM

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

Your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River fails to adequately identify and address all of the environmental impacts to the River. I urge the SFPUC to undertake additional studies to determine the maximum technical potential for conservation and efficiency savings before finalizing this document.

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I strongly believe that requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lessen impacts on the Tuolumne River. When it comes to water conservation, the Bay Area lags far behind other metropolitan areas such as Seattle and Los Angeles that are reducing water consumption even in the face of growth.

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As a region known for a strong environmental ethic, the Bay Area should be a leader in water efficiency and conservation. The SFPUC should adopt a policy of reducing diversions from the Tuolumne River over time, with additional demand met through increased investment in conservation, efficiency, and recycling. Only by ensuring that healthy amounts of water continue to flow into the Tuolumne River can we protect this irreplaceable natural treasure.

Sincerely,

Pei-Lin Hsiung
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08-15-07

Dear Commissioner Brooks

How can you even think about taking water from the Tuolumne river and giving it to people so that they can water their lawns? 2.5 million gallons of water a day is what all water people can and should receive their water if they are going to use it for landscaping. Please don't pull more water from the river, there are many more different things the city could do.

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Kyle Ikemoto

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Tuolumne River plan

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Fri, Sep 28, 2007 at 2:25 PM

Dear Mr. Maltzer,

I hope you will move San Francisco to developing water conservation, recycling and development of desalination to procure water for the Bay Area.

Taking more from the Tuolumne, which is already an overworked river, will be destructive to all of the wildlife, and the lands that live because of the river.

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I was born and raised in San Francisco, and am very disappointed, actually stunned, that San Francisco would try for such an anti-environmental grab. Such an action is disgusting.

California is facing environmental disasters. Depleting one of the few remaining rivers is the wrong thing to do. The alternatives I mention above are the only reasonable and ethical courses to take.

Sincerely,

Marian Isaac
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Richard Izmirian
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San Carlos, CA 94070

October 1, 2007

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: WSIP PEIR

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I have reviewed Section 5.5 in volume 3 of the referenced document, with regard to the impacts of the project on San Mateo Creek and Pilarcitos Creek, both in San Mateo County.

The document states that San Francisco PUC is not required to release water past its dams in these two important watersheds. The document does not explain why it believes it is exempt from Section 5937 of the State Fish and Game code, or why it believes that NOAA requirements and the Federal Endangered Species Act do not apply.

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The document goes on to say that SFPUC does not release water into the stream beds downstream from the dams to maintain adequate streamflow for fish, and that it will not do so.

The PEIR then asserts that because the actions of the Water Department have made the creeks intermittent, this is the baseline condition for analyzing impacts. The baseline condition should be an approximation of the historic flow before dam construction.

This section of the PEIR should be re-written to recognize the SFPUC's responsibility to release adequate flows downstream of its dams, and fully describe the benefits of meeting those responsibilities.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Sincerely,
Richard Izmirian

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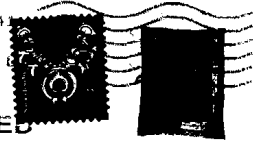
You and I both know that the Tuolumne River needs to be protected. I won't bore you with quotes from the TR Trust or other activist websites. Many people are upset about San Francisco's current proposal to increase diversion of the Tuolumne water. Please do the right thing and see that the Planning Department punishes a policy of conservation. Thank you
with love

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Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV To: Diana Sokolove/CTYPLN/SFGOV@SFGOV
cc
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Subject: Fw: Tuolumne River Diversion

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"Sieglinde Johnson"
<sjsiggy@cox.net> To: <paul.maltzer@sfgov.org>
09/20/2007 05:39 PM cc
Subject: Tuolumne River Diversion

Dear Mr. Malzer.

I am very much opposed to further diversion of the Tuolumne River. A healthy river system has many environmental benefits. Conservation and recycling programs should be instituted, first. 01

Sieglinde Johnson
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Laguna, Beach, CA 92651

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C_Joye



Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Promote water efficiency - don't take more water from the Tuolumne

Lindsay Joye <ljoye@pacbell.net>
Reply-To: ljoye@pacbell.net
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 11, 2007 at 7:32 PM

Dear SFPUC,

Our family had the great pleasure of spending three days on the mighty "T" this summer and are dismayed to learn that the SFPUC is planning to take even more water from the Tuolumne.

Please look at other progressive water agencies to model their conservation programs before taking this step. Incentive programs coupled with new landscape standards can make a large impact on Bay Area water usage. A comprehensive watershed study should be completed to adequately assess the environmental impacts of this proposed Water System Improvement Program. 01

Thank you,
Lindsay & Ken Joye
3793 Park Blvd.
Palo Alto, CA 94306

C_Kahn

Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>



Tuolumne - more conservation

Mike Kahn <Mike@kahncious.net>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 17, 2007 at 11:35 PM

Dear Mr. Maltzer and SFPUC,

Please strongly consider increased efforts in water conservation and water recycling instead of taking more water from the Tuolumne, or any other water source for that matter. Water is only going to become more precious in the future and we need to start reducing consumption instead of sucking all our resources dry. 01

Thank you,
Mike Kahn

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It is inexcusable to withdraw more water from our natural treasure, the Tuolumne River in Yosemite, when we have the means to meet our water needs already. Grey water systems, native plants, educational campaigns + incentives to encourage conservation, water-saving appliances, and many other options are currently available to provide enough water for the Bay Area's growing population. Our rivers are already in danger because of climate change. Think about the future of California. Golf courses are not the future. Protect the Tuolumne. 01

Thank you,

Gwynn Kaliner-Mackellen

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WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

There are two separate issues
 1 To re-evalute Health Network - you
 do it ASAP! 01

2 - The Environmental issue -
 should be separate - 02
 we must conserve + recycle
 water - do not take more out

WRITTEN COMMENTS (Continued)

of the Tuolumne River -
 We - all of us - must keep our
 wilderness as pure as we can -
 People need the truth - we cannot
 for the good of all of us + our
 grandchildren just keep consuming
 purified water is used in many
 places - New homes should be
 built with recidets to make it
 easy to use grey water for the
 garden etc.

It is time to wake up
 All of us - Thank you for
 Putting Earth First!

Suzanne Keebr

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Tuolumne

Michael Kelleher <michael.kelleher@gmail.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 7:40 PM

Michelle Kim
3591 19th Street
San Francisco, CA
94110

Dear Council,

I am writing to you today to implore you to take another look at the planned redirection of 25 million gallons of water from the Tuolumne River to ~~the~~ Bay area commercial interests. ~~There~~ In the interest of California Wildlife and Conservancy, I truly believe this action is an outdated ~~and~~ response to ~~our~~ our water needs. We have seen ~~the~~ water needs in other urban centers such as Los Angeles and Seattle met through water recycling and conservation. I believe that San Francisco and the Bay Area should be a leader in these issues and am disappointed to learn of our government's current plans. We need a long term, sustainable solution to our growing water demands and the solution must be back by sound science, research and projection of our our water demand. Please reevaluate the environmental and economic consequences of your decision. Thank you for your time.

Michelle Kim

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To:
Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
Water System Improvement Program PEIR
San Francisco Planning Department

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I write you in response to the approval for diverting additional water from the Tuolumne River for sale by the SFPUC. My background in ground and surface water hydrology, consumer finance, and raising children in San Francisco allows me to appreciate the complexities, economics, and long-term impacts of decisions such as this one. Further, I am an Eagle Scout, avid fly-fisher, and have been enjoying California (and drinking her waters) since 1976.

I imagine that, while you appreciate public concern and applaud the effort of people such as myself to voice them, your decisions are most heavily driven by your view of the economics of the situation with respect to the legislated environmental constraints such as EIR's. The time frame of such economic decisions is critically important. Money certainly has time-value, but our natural resources have an inverse value. To me it seems the longer we protect them, the better we understand them, and the more value we can derive from them in the future. Once gone, they are prohibitively expensive to recreate.

Margaret Thatcher said, "I never make a decision until I have to." As you have cleared the constraint of the commission, you are perhaps not obligated to divert or sell the waters. Please give careful consideration to the recommendations you get from all sides and make a decision that will benefit Californians in perpetuity. In gratitude for you consideration of my voice,

Michael Kelleher
Culann's Hounds
<http://www.sfhounds.com>
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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Re: SF PUC Water System Improvement Program

1 message

Carl King <ck3@mayfieldmortgage.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 4:59 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I believe that the plan to divert significant additional flows from the Tuolumne River does not provide adequate consideration of the unique recreational benefits of this Wild and Scenic river, nor to the need to keep its flow is reserve for future contingency in the event of short- or long-term reduction in Sierra snow pack. Please emphasize conservation over additional diversions.

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Regards,

Carl King

2351 Santa Catalina Street
Palo Alto CA 94303

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

(no subject)

David King <dking@berkeley.edu>
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Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 1:18 PM

please help stop the cancerous proliferation of urban sprawl which is
ruining our wild lands & our agricultural lands. 01
best,
david king

hhmi mass spectrometry laboratory
uc berkeley

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Draft PEIR: SF needs to conserve first!

ken king <exeditor2003@yahoo.com>
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Cc: bill.young@sierraclub.org

Mon, Oct 15, 2007 at 11:27 AM

Dear Paul Maltzer,

As a Californian born and raised here, I want to weigh in and say that conserving our natural resources, limited thought they might be, is vastly more important than engineering short term solutions that are costly and environmentally destructive. Therefore it is absolutely imperative that San Francisco pursue sustainable alternatives to diverting more water from the Tuolumne River.

I have read the draft and the arguments pro and con and know that you don't need to have them recited back, but I hope that you and your agency will go the extra distance to think creatively and economically, not to mention environmentally, in imagining the impact of your decision fifty and even one hundred years from now.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

Kenneth King
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San Francisco Planning Department
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
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Sonora, CA. September 5, 2007



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WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

01 1. How does the project address counties of origin water rights
02 2. Why did the preferred alternative raise the controversial issue of additional water extraction that will cause delays and may endanger the project?
3. Please send a CD of the full DPEIR to my address

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Re: Comment period extended for DRAFT PEIR for SFPUC's Water System Improvement Program

John Howard Kramer <johnhkramer@gmail.com>
To: Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 11, 2007 at 10:14 PM

How convenient of you to provide this method of submitting a comment to the SFPUC. My comment is that this is a blatant water grab that has severe consequences for Tuolumne County, the rafting industry and ranchers. Have you adequately addressed and balanced the environmental impacts that will result from the economic stagnation brought about by this export of the water from the foothills? How can the fisheries survive? How can we continue to meet downstream commitments for healthy flows low in salt? The water you propose to take is put to maximum beneficial use now. Why have you chosen a preferred alternative that is sure to encumber the project in legal wrangling, slowing the implementation of vitally needed seismic retrofits of the water delivery system?

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On 10/8/07, Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com> wrote:
ATTENTION!

THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HAS BEEN EXTENDED.

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT UNTIL:

5:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 15, 2007.

AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION AND HEARING TO RECEIVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S AND THE PUBLIC'S COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WILL BE HELD ON

OCTOBER 11, 2007 AT 1:30 PM OR LATER.

THE HEARING WILL BE HELD AT SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL IN ROOM 400, 1 DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT PLACE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED BELOW.

A Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) has been prepared by the City and County of San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this program. A summary presentation of the contents of the Draft PEIR is available online, and the complete document can be viewed at the following locations:

Online at:
www.sfgov.org/site/planning/mea (or by linking to this site from <http://PEIR.sfwater.org>)

In print at:
San Francisco Planning Department, 1660 Mission Street, 1st Floor, Planning Information Counter (copy of Draft PEIR only is available).

By appointment at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission by calling 1-866-231-1337 or e-mailing PEIRappointments@sfwater.org (copy of Draft PEIR and associated reference materials are available).

Any of the libraries listed at the end of this e-mail (copy of Draft PEIR and key reference materials are available).

You may submit comments to the Planning Department using any of the following means:

Provide oral or written comments at any of the five public hearings

Mail written comments to the San Francisco Planning Department, Attention: Environmental Review Officer, WSIP PEIR, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103

E-mail written comments to wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com.

The San Francisco Planning Department will prepare written responses to comments received during the public review period in a Comments and Responses document. If you have any questions about the environmental review of the WSIP, please leave a message for the Planning Department at:

1-866-231-1337.

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Alameda County:
Alameda County/City of Fremont Library: 2400 Stevenson Boulevard, Fremont

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San Francisco Public Utilities
Commissioner Ryan L. Brooks

August 16, 2007

In 2002 I backpacked the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne from White Wolf to Tuolumne Meadows. Three days and two nights. We did it too fast. I have not been back, but wish I would. That canyon --- !!!

Every year thousands go up there and have such a rich experience.

I have been to Kibbe Lake three times, and to Cherry Lake a few more than that. I may go this year to hike around Lake Eleanor.

I know you plan to divert below the dams, below Hetch Hetchy and Cherry Lake Reservoir. I think Cherry Lake area is dramatically underdeveloped! Sierra Club might not like to hear that, but it is greatly under-utilized for recreation. You might think of developing more of Cherry Lake, and drawing less water from it and the Tuolumne River.

Yosemite is marvelous, but it is too overused. Cherry could be a mecca of vacationers who want the boat, fish, hike, relax experience. It needs trails, and a lodge for visitors, and more camping areas north of the only camping area on the lake. One friend of mine took a kayak across the lake one year to camp with a group on the far shore and hike up the canyon.

I urge you to use conservation techniques for conserving water in the city of San Francisco. Also, let me throw in a wild card, I urge you to vote for a tax on wealth in the U.S. A. This is the fairest, quickest method to establish aggregate demand (purchasing power) and keep our economy going. Fair distribution of wealth will do much to decrease the drain on our resources. Today, while riding my bike around Lake Chabot in San Leandro I thought of a plan for a general strike once a month, 12 times a year, with the purpose of studying our community. We would stop forging ahead in the wrong direction so quickly, develop informed democratic programs, distribute income and wealth more equitably, and have more inclination to travel to Hetch Hetchy and beyond. What wilderness will do for one's imagination. Send me a note, I'll send you an essay on A Wealth Tax to Eliminate Poverty. (See Milken Institute Review, 3rd Quarter, 2003, article by professor Edward Wolff, Where Has All the Money Gone?)

Ben Leet
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Ben Leet

Sept 20, 2007

To: the S F Planning Commission :

I am writing to convey my concerns with the idea of taking more water from the Tuolumne River. The environmental impacts that would occur as a result of extra water being diverted far outweigh the need for more lawns + suburban sprawl across the East Bay, the destination for 60% of the water.

I think this is a terrible mistake and a problem that can be solved in many other ways. You should instead focus your efforts on increasing water conservation and recycling programs. This is a far better alternative for the river, the environment, wildlife, our cities and us.

I truly hope that you take these public comments into serious consideration before you make the horrible decision that would affect all life in California for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Linda Lewin
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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

please do not divert water for SFPUC

Kingman G Lim <kingmanl@fastmail.fm>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 11, 2007 at 2:28 PM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Please do not allow any additional water to be diverted from the Hetch Hetchy system! I support water conservation. The water in Tuolumne should stay there for the trees, animals, and plants that rely on them for survival. Thank you.

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Carissa Look 440 Utah St
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I am concerned with the proposed water grab from the Tuolumne River. The environmental impacts of this addition would far outweigh the "need" of spread across the East Bay for landscaping purposes.

Water conservation and recycling are much better options to help us meet increasing water demands. Even Los Angeles has managed to utilize these methods to keep their water demand flat in the face of growth. Let us continue to outshine cheap and spread-ridden LA and pursue other alternatives to the water grab from the Tuolumne River.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Tuolumne River

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To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 24, 2007 at 1:20 PM

Dear Mr. Maltzer, Protecting our rivers in California is a high priority. The Tuolumne River is threatened by the proposed increase in water diversion. The riparian habitat and pure water needed by wildlife and people can best be protected by increasing conservation efforts. There are many concerned environmentalists who want to work with you to find a win win solution to our shared concerns about water supply in this state.

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One in particular, Peter Drekmeier, past founder of Bay Area Action (now Acterra) is one person who is thoughtful and willing to give you time, effort and assistance to bring about a conservation plan that will save the river, and bring ample water supply to our communities. I hope you will work cooperatively with Mr. Drekmeier and his associates to the benefit of the California riparian habitat, and cities and town that rely on an adequate water supply.

Thank you,

Judith LoVuolo-Bhushan
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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

No Diversions From The Tuolumne! Conserve and recycle FIRST

1 message

Sf194122@aol.com <Sf194122@aol.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 9:42 PM

Mr. Maltzer:

I could not believe it when I heard about this wasteful plan being proposed by my own city, a city I moved to because I thought we were forward-thinking, environmentally conscious, and ethical.

I support alternatives that protect the Tuolumne from any new diversions. More water conservation, efficiency, and recycling are the intelligent and ethical ways to protect the Tuolumne and provide sustainable water for San Francisco and anyone to whom we sell water. Stop the sprawl, conserve, use intelligent means to retain local rainwater, and we and the East Bay would have enough water.

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We can do much, much better than destroy the Tuolumne.

Janet Lowry
1859 9th Ave.
San Francisco, Calif. 94122

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WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

I am in full support of having an alternative plan of conservation and conservation outreach. We can save water by replacing lawns and sod growing operations with native plants that requiring significantly less water and no chemical fertilizers. Water recycling should

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WRITTEN COMMENTS (Continued)

be mandated for both residential, business and agricultural purposes. In this time of climate change we need sustainable plans for water usage - not dams. We should be offering rebates to people that replace their lawns with low or no water use landscaping.

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Against Increasing Flows on the Tuolumne River

Erik Lundberg <erik@addrv.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Wed, Sep 19, 2007 at 9:52 PM

I strongly oppose increasing flows on the Tuolumne River. It is a fragile ecosystem and I enjoy taking my children up there for fly fish. Please do not destroy this wonderful river by pumping up the flows. There are other alternatives.] 01

C_Maddo



Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Spare the Tuolumne!

Tyana Maddock <tmaddock@friendsoftheriver.org>
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Tue, Sep 18, 2007 at 1:17 PM

Please do not further damage the Tuolumne by diverting an additional 25 million gallons per day!! We love and depend on this river. Thank you for your consideration.] 01

Tyana Maddock

1133 Normal Ave.

Chico, CA 95928

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water." - Loren Eiseley

C_Magol

Nick Magol

2017 Mission St. San Francisco CA 94110
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I am writing today to voice my strong opposition to the proposed water development plan diverting millions of gallons of water a day from the Tuolumne. I urge you to act as a champion for water conservation. We are at a time of climate/environmental crisis and it is time that we create incentive ways to contribute to a sustainable solution rather than postpone the real problem.

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Fwd: SF water plan

Jim & Darlene Marshall <jimdar@pacbell.net>
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Sun, Sep 9, 2007 at 6:22 PM

Dear Mr. Maltzer,

As you go through the process of evaluating changes to the water use plans please take serious our obligations to future generations. Please work to select a plan that is sustainable and far-sighted. The Tuolumne River and its watershed need to remain vibrant and flowing for future people to enjoy, not just for a few years more. We should require more conservation and better efficiency standards, recycling and other measures to reduce, or at least not increase, our take of this river system's gallons.

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Sincerely,

James H. Marshall

Michael Martin, Ph.D.
P.O. Box 2216
Mariposa, CA 95338

September 26, 2007

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
Water System Improvement Program PEIR
San Francisco Planning Department

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I am a home owner in Tuolumne County, specifically in the Hetch Hetchy Subdivision, Block 5, Lot 2, Groveland. My home is on the Middle Fork of the Tuolumne River. I am a flyfisherman, as well as a professional fisheries biologist.

Your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to consume (divert) more water from the Tuolumne River fails to adequately identify and address all of the potential environmental impacts to the River, specifically how 14% more diversions in the upper Tuolumne River basin will affect critical habitat in the lower Tuolumne River, specifically spring-run Chinook salmon, fall-run Chinook salmon, and Steelhead trout, along with potential impacts to the upper Tuolumne River watershed. These federally recognized "threatened" or "species of concern" - designated populations (ESU) will arguably require more water than less in future years. I urge you to undertake additional studies of the lower Tuolumne River to provide protection and enhancement of these depleted fisheries, before finalizing this document. There should be no more diversions of the Tuolumne River at the expense of the San Joaquin River Delta receiving water environment, period.

Your report shows that the majority of the potential future demand resides outside of San Francisco. I recommend that you let those entities solve their water demand problems by other means. Over 1/2 of the demand is outdoor water use and is a major cause for the increased demand. Water conservation and efficiency measures, along with recycling, should eliminate the need for additional future water supplies. There is uncertainty regarding future increases in demand, as several demand factors in the analysis such as projected growth, may have major challenges or be reduced because of economic difficulties. As an owner in the upper river watershed, and I am concerned that increased water diversions will reduce my property values, as well as my own, as well as tourists, recreational opportunities. I am also concerned with the potential effects of atmospheric shifts, such as global warming, and how that will affect (reduce) water supply. In California, history has demonstrated how during critical water short years, full wet weather deliveries continue for municipal and agricultural users, while natural resources take the short end of the deal and brunt of the injuries and damages. Your feasibility studies must include an analysis of the effects of drought and water shortage, and how

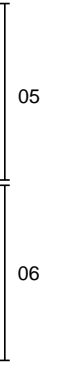
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San Francisco proposes substitute water demand (=supply) (i.e., reduced diversion from the Tuolumne River) during those critical times. It is very clear that reduced water flows in the San Joaquin River basin has resulted in seriously depressed recruitment of anadromous Salmonid populations in the basin rivers.



I support all of the alternatives identified in your draft document that protects the Tuolumne River from new diversions in future years. Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling at the demand source is the best way to lessen impacts to the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water solution for the San Francisco Bay Area. This will also afford more protection to the upper Tuolumne River watershed fisheries and recreational usage. The San Francisco water scheme and power generation operations have degraded the integrity of the downstream Tuolumne River watershed. Further diversions will certainly maintain that degradation, and greatly limit opportunities for restoration of those resources that depend upon the river. Your EIR lacks sufficient description of the potential impacts upon the lower Tuolumne River, especially with respect to anadromous fish populations, Chinook salmon and Steelhead trout. It also fails to address consistency with on-going State and Federal resource agency activities, studies, and actions that may be compromised by additional water diversions in the upper Tuolumne River. I recommend that additional feasibility studies and mitigation evaluation (and implementation where necessary) be included in your EIR analyses, prior to adoption of the proposed water plan.



Only by reducing diversion and off-stream uses of water can we protect the anadromous fishes of the lower Tuolumne River and other San Joaquin River reaches, along with protecting the existing recreational fisheries of the upper Tuolumne River Watershed.

Sincerely,

Michael Martin, Ph.D.

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DCAR COMMISSIONER BELLES -

WHEN I FIRST HEARD THAT PEOPLE WANTED TO TAKE MORE WATER FROM THE TUOLUMNE RIVER TO USE FOR THEIR LAWNS I WAS ASTONISHED I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU AND OTHERS ARE ACTUALLY CONSIDERING TO TAKE MORE WATER. WHY GIVE LAWNS PURE DRINKING WATER WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE WATER SHORTAGES AND CONTINUE TO HAVE WATER ISSUES? WHY DON'T WE/YOU TRY TO FIND BETTER SOLUTIONS FOR THIS WATER ISSUE. RECYCLING WATER IS A GREAT WAY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM; LAWNS WILL STILL BE WATERED AND THE TUOLUMNE RIVER CAN STILL STAY AS A WATER SOURCE. WE NEED TO LOOK IN THE FUTURE WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE KEEP THIS RIVER AS A WATER SOURCE.

Sincerely,
SOFIA MARTINEZ

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Sept 26, 2007

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Dept.
1650 Mission St. Ste 400
San Francisco, Ca, 94103

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you about the upcoming review of the Hetch-Hetchy water system. Current operations are already a heavy burden on the Tuolumne River ^{eco} system. It would be unconscionable to consider any further withdrawals from the river without first implementing all possible conservation measures which should include waterless urinals in all public buildings, a collection system for runoff falling on all impervious, man made surfaces, and a system that rewards residents and businesses for conserving more than the mean usage ^{per} day by charging those that use more than the mean.

Our rivers are treasures that are worth far more than their "usable" water. California's rivers are already heavily degraded by the projects of the 20th century. San Francisco has a reputation as one of the more environmentally conscious municipalities. It would be a shame to tarnish that by further degradation of the Tuolumne.

Please enter this letter into the official comments.

Sincerely,
Jonathan McClelland

Jonathan McClelland
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South Rose, Ca. 95401

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November 7, 2007

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
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Dear Mr. Maltzer,

The environmental review performed by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to take more water from the Tuolumne River does not identify and address the environmental impacts of the river. There is a lack of information regarding the impacts of taking more water from the Tuolumne River. A lack of adequate baseline data of the Upper Tuolumne River does not provide an accurate picture of the outcomes of dewatering the Tuolumne. A new study was begun in 2006, however it was not completed in time to be part of the review process. Please take additional studies before finalizing this document.

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Instead of taking water from the Tuolumne, I encourage you to take the alternatives in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from new diversions. These include more water conservation and water recycling. San Francisco is the leader in environmental action and your plan should parallel this trend. 60% of the Tuolumne River is already diverted for urban and rural uses and increasing diversion will do further harm to the river. Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lesson impacts on the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water plan for the Bay Area.

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Please protect this national treasure and make sure adequate water flow to the "T" keeps flowing.

Sincerely,

Karl McCollom
Karl McCollom
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Mariposa, CA 95338

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San Francisco Planning Department
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
SFPUC's Proposed Water System Improvement Program
Sonora, CA. September 5, 2007



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WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

I am a 33 year resident of Tuolumne County and I'm a licenced General Engineering Contractor. The trend of growth and waste must be curbed. Taking more water from the Tuolumne is not the solution. Its time to conserve and use what you have.
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Paul Maltzer, Environmental Officer
San Francisco Planning Dept.
1650 Mission Street Suite 400
San Francisco, Ca 94103

Dear Paul,

Although population
problems pressures are the
underlying cause of most
environmental degradation,
everything possible must be
done to preserve the quantity,
and quality of our river systems.

We hope you will do everything
possible to preserve the integrity
of the Tuolumne River.

Thank you,

Keith H. McFarland



Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

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Sat, Sep 29, 2007 at 4:51 PM

Sustainable water plans include conservation, not further destruction of rivers! | 01

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San Francisco Planning Department
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
SFPUC's Proposed Water System Improvement Program
Fremont, CA. September 18, 2007



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WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

As with our need to address carbon emissions, we can best address our water needs through conservation! See "The 11th Hour" for reasons why we must act boldly to preserve our environment.

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COMMENT CARD

San Francisco Planning Department
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SFPUC's Proposed Water System Improvement Program
Fremont, CA. September 18, 2007



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My husband and I have spent a great deal of time hiking, rafting and kayaking in and along the Tuolumne River (the "T"). We have introduced our children to this marvelous river - both in the Yosemite back country, the Tuolumne meadows, and at sites well outside park boundaries.

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WRITTEN COMMENTS (Continued)

This river is vital to a healthy ecosystem in Northern California.

The impact of diverting extra water from this river on the surrounding ecosystem far outweighs the ~~benefit~~ benefit that may be derived from the additional water to bay area residents.

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The bay area water districts should be a model of conservation, grey water usage, and ^{other} recycling methods.

We have taught and will continue to teach our children how to reuse, recycle, and conserve.

We want our utilities commissions to be equally dedicated to preserving and wisely using our natural resources.

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San Francisco Planning Department
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
SFPUC's Proposed Water System Improvement Program
Modesto, CA, September 6, 2007



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WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

Leave the river alone!
Any solution but river water.

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Sept 9, 2007

Dear Paul Maltzer

I am strongly opposed to taking more water from the Tuolumne River. Woodsmen will use all the water given to them, creating a reverend demand for more water. Limited, by limited water, woodsmen can be encouraged to conserve water & spur industry to develop water saving devices.

California's rivers need water to maintain natural environments. It is time to make a sustainable plan, instead of always trying to take more than we already have.

Sincerely,

Karen Menuz



Ms. Karen Menuz
Apt. 10
744 Guerrero St
San Francisco, CA 94110

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I came to the planning commission meeting today to address the issue of taking even more water from the Tuolumne River. Since the item was moved on the agenda from 1:30 until 5:00, I am not able to stay.

Please consider this issue very carefully. 60% of the river's water is already being diverted. That leaves only 40% for what is referred to as "Mother Nature". There is an amazing wilderness between the Hotel Hitching Post and the San Joaquin River. You need to be at least as concerned about that wilderness as you are for future construction in the Bay Area. We as citizens can, and should, do more, ~~to~~ much more, to use that 60% of the river's water more efficiently. Let the wilderness keep its 40%!

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Stephen Merlo
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Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

I support the alternatives identified in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from new diversions. Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lessen impacts on the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water plan for the Bay Area.

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Dear Mr. Maltzer:

Only by ensuring that healthy amounts of water continue to flow into the Tuolumne River can we protect this most irreplaceable natural treasure.

Your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River fails to adequately identify and address all of the environmental impacts to the River. I urge you to undertake additional studies before finalizing this document.

Sincerely,

I believe we need to implement a mandatory landscaping policy that requires the installation of only native vegetation and drip irrigation technology to all new commercial projects going forward and provide tax-credits for existing commercial operations to change over to native vegetation. Google Inc. recently installed native plants in their corporate headquarters, so their project would provide a good case study for others to learn and model after.

Ivo Mijac
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Here are the benefits of Native Plants:

- Drought resistant
- Deer and bug resistant
- Disease resistant
- Requires less energy inputs
- Lower maintenance costs than traditional non-native landscaping

And here are some reasons why we cannot continue business as usual:

- Decreasing snow pack is predicted for the future due to global warming, which amounts to less water for drinking and irrigation for all Californians
- The state had its lowest water supplies this past year/winter
- The drought in Southern California will further exasperate the potential water crises by diverting more water from the Sierra's.

Some ideas to ponder....

When people deal with reality

- We have many options and choices to work with
- We have time to be proactive
- We can implement conservation and efficiency
- We have economic stability

When reality deals with people

- We have little or no options/choices
- *There will be* hard, difficult, sacrifices, shortages and severe economic consequences/hardships
- We have no time to be proactive; we can only be reactive

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

keep the water in the Tuolumne River

Eric Millette <eric@ericmillette.com>
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To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 12:43 PM

To: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer Water System Improvement Program PEIR San Francisco Planning Department

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

Please don't take any more water out of our Sierra Rivers!
Let's get more conservation measures in place instead!!

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Thank you,
Eric Millette
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San Francisco, CA 94118

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Tuolumne River

Bob Mindelzun <mindelzu@stanford.edu>
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Sun, Sep 23, 2007 at 2:02 PM

Paul Maltzer
Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department

Dear Sir:

Like so many of my fellow citizens, I am extremely concerned about the SFPUC proposal to divert the 25 million gallons of water per day from the Tuolumne River.

Rather than diversion, this issue needs conservation and use of maximal efficiency for solution.

I urge you to support a reduced diversion from this Wild and Scenic River; a California Natural Treasure.

Thank you for your attention.

Professor Robert E. Mindelzun MD
Stanford University

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Tuolumne River

Bob Mindelzun <mindelzu@stanford.edu>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Thu, Sep 20, 2007 at 6:11 PM

from Naomi Mindelzun;

I am extremely concerned about the SFPUC proposal to divert the additional 25 million gallons of water per day from the Tuolumne River, and urge you to re-evaluate the SFPUC projections, and instead adopt a policy of reducing diversions from the river over time.

Please do not ignore conservation and efficiency measures in regard to this issue.

Thank you.

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Comments on WSIP PEIR

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Fri, Sep 21, 2007 at 1:20 PM

Dear Mr. Paul Maltzer,

I wholeheartedly support the seismic upgrades and water system delivery improvements in the WSIP. These are necessary and urgent projects that need to be addressed without delay.

However, I am very opposed to the plan to divert more of the Tuolumne River, and I do not believe the report adequately addresses the impact of this action. Nor have water conservation measures been properly evaluated and factored in to the plan to divert more Tuolumne water. This beautiful wild river and its ecosystem should not be sacrificed to support water-hungry lawns, golf courses, and commercial landscaping. In fact, it seems incongruous and illogical to even include this recommendation in the WSIP. It is a conservation issue, not an infrastructure issue.

I strongly suggest that you decouple the Tuolumne diversion plan from the rest of the WSIP. To include it is akin to throwing out the baby with the bath water.

Peter Neal
3880 El Centro
Palo Alto, CA 94306

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SFPUC's Proposed Water System Improvement Program
Fremont, CA. September 18, 2007



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WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

Thank you for providing this public hearing. As a Milpitas resident & consumer of Tuolumne River water I appreciate the need to update the system.

As a hiker in the Sierra I also appreciate wild & natural places. I hope the Tuolumne River will be kept in a healthy condition that will benefit fish, other wildlife &

WRITTEN COMMENTS (Continued)

human recreation.

I try to conserve & recycle water as much as possible. I hope the SFPUC will pursue plans for conservation & recycling in order to prevent taking any more water from the Tuolumne River. I agree with the speakers at this meeting that our precious water should be used more wisely to prevent waste.

If we destroy our planet Earth we make it uninhabitable for human beings along with other life forms.

Sincerely,
Erna R. Nore

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Tuolumne River water usage

1 message

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Wed, Oct 10, 2007 at 12:21 PM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
Water System Improvement Program PEIR
San Francisco Planning Department

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

Your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River does not adequately identify and address all of the environmental impacts to the River. I urge you to undertake additional studies of the Tuolumne River before finalizing this document.

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I support the alternatives identified in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from new diversions.

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Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lessen impacts to the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water solution for the San Francisco Bay Area.

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The public should have been steered down the conservation/sustainable use road long before this.

Personally, I think that agribusiness wastes a whole lot more water than the cities do; however, I think the usage by the city requires more energy resources to transport it to the tap, heat it for use, and then clean it before disposal. Therefore the issue must be addressed on two fronts, personal/company use and agribusiness use.

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In this day and age of technology, there are several major water savers that have not been implemented in society. Those along with cutting out the pork waste in agribusiness would go a long way towards easing up the burden on our limited water resources so that in the future, the only options left for water management are not negative ones

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In the mean time, by ensuring that healthy amounts of water continue to flow into the Tuolumne River can we protect this irreplaceable natural wonder.

Please move water conservation to the top of the priority list where it should be!

Sincerely,

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WSIP PEIR comments

Margaret Okuzumi <okuzumi@silcon.com>
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Fri, Oct 12, 2007 at 12:04 AM

I am writing to provide comment on the WSIP PEIR. CEQA requires that the PEIR properly identifies and addresses the environmental impacts of the project. The PEIR must be amended to include information on baseline conditions of the Upper Tuolumne River. If a recent comprehensive study of baseline conditions is not available, then such a study must be conducted in order to provide per CEQA an accurate assessment of the environmental impacts of drawing an additional 25 million gallons a day from the Tuolumne River.

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These impacts include impacts to fish populations such as Chinook salmon and steelhead; pollution in the San Francisco Bay Delta, and degradation in quality of recreational opportunities such as rafting. An alternative that includes of drawing an additional 25 million gallons/day from the Tuolumne cannot possibly be the environmentally preferable alternative when it supplies more water for growth than is planned for in local general plans. I am opposed to taking more water from the Tuolumne River.

02

Even given the flaws in the PEIR to date, it should be evident that the environmental superior alternative is one that requires water agencies to pursue additional water conservation and recycling instead of taking more water from this wild and scenic river. I have noticed a number of wasteful practices and waste of water in my local area such as companies that run sprinklers even when it's raining, and which have sprinklers that direct water onto the street or sidewalk instead of on to the landscaping. There is also much more that can be done to encourage consumers of all types to landscape so as to save water and virtually eliminate the need to irrigate, such as companies, individual homeowners, and homeowner's associations for condo and townhouse complexes where individuals may have more difficulty getting the association to implement water-wise gardening practices. Such an education program, such as the work that EBMUD has done, and other incentives to conserve and recycle, will ultimately prove more sustainable than relying on increasingly scarce water from the Sierras.

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The PEIR must accurately identify impacts using realistic rather than inflated employment projections. The PEIR should identify as most environmentally preferable the alternative that emphasizes conservation and recycling over one that relies on consuming more of an ecologically precious resource, namely the water in a wild and scenic river.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,

Margaret Okuzumi
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San Francisco Planning Department
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
SFPU's Proposed Water System Improvement Program
Palo Alto, CA. September 19, 2007



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DO NOT TAKE PRECIOUS WATER FROM
OUR RIVERS. THIS IS A SHORT SIGHTED
SOLUTION TO A MUCH LARGER PROBLEM.
AGRICULTURAL + INDUSTRIAL USE SHOULD
BE REVIEWED, AND NOT SUBSIDIZED.
LOOK AT THE MARKET, NOT JUST
THE DEMAND. ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION
& VALUE OUR WATER RESOURCES.

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Anne Pagliarulo
436 Capistrano Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94112

Commissioner Ryan Brooks, President
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
C/O Sierra Club SF Bay Chapter
2530 San Pablo Avenue, Ste. I
Berkeley, CA 94702

Dear President Brooks,

With its headwaters in Yosemite National Park, the Tuolumne River is a national jewel that is home to an outstanding native trout fishery, bald eagles, black bears, and thrilling whitewater.

Unfortunately, instead of increasing water conservation and recycling efforts, the San Francisco PUC plans on meeting future water demand by taking more water out of the Tuolumne, a federally designated Wild and Scenic River.

I urge you to meet our water needs and protect the Tuolumne River for future generations through conservation and recycling rather than withdrawing more water and depleting the Tuolumne River.

The fate of the Tuolumne River rests in your hands.

Sincerely,

Anne Pagliarulo

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September 29, 2007

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I write as a concerned citizen as it relates to the Water Improvement Program (WIP) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). While the seismic upgrades are critical to maintaining the water delivery infrastructure, I feel that the plan to divert additional water from the Tuolumne River is premature. Given this clear distinction in the plan between the seismic upgrades and the amount of water being distributed, it would be ideal to have the WIP split out in a way which will provide an opportunity to approve each separately. This will allow for the seismic upgrades to commence as soon as possible, while the environment impacts of additional diversions to meet demand can be researched further.

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Regarding the demand estimates and the plan to divert additional water from the Tuolumne, the forecast seems to pay little attention to conservation measures as well as affects of price changes on demand. It's surprising that only 4% of the demand is expected to be met with conversation measures in light of the fact that an increase in per capital use is expected, with outdoor use contributing 60% of the increase. This is counter to the trend in other metropolitan areas, as well as the trend in the energy market to conserve. I encourage the SFPUC to challenge their constituency to invest in conservation and recycling programs, similar to the drive in the energy market. Why can't water supply and demand be managed in a similar way? Rebates, education programs, scaled water rates that discourage waste, water credit trading, tax credits, recycling programs etc., can all be effective tools to meet demand, and should be the focus of SFPUC investment, not the diversion of more water from an already exploited resource. In addition to unconvincing demand projections, there seems to be little known about the affects of additional diversions on the Tuolumne River drainage ecosystem. A comprehensive study should be required before additional diversions are approved.

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I encourage the SFPUC to protect and restore our natural resources by exploring other options for meeting future water demand, rather than increasing diversions on the Tuolumne River.

Sincerely,

Doug Parkes
1036 High St
Palo Alto, CA 94301

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Kathy Perl - Sierra Club Member + S.F. Citizen
152 Chattanooga St.
S.F. CA 94114
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to take a stand against further environmental impact, which would result from increasing the amount of water taken from the wild and scenic Tuolumne River. It is wrong-thinking to continue depleting our precious and already strained natural resources, rather than to enforce conservation, recycling and explore desalination options. Not to mention educating people about the grave danger to our planet from overpopulation. Please save the Tuolumne River and the life systems it supports!

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Kathy Perl

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Water Conservation and the Tuolumne River

jcpoulton@comcast.net <jcpoulton@comcast.net>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Wed, Sep 26, 2007 at 12:34 PM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400

Dear Mr Maltzer:

I believe that your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River is flawed. It appears that all you want is more water, not taking into question the impact on the river or the people that live on or near its banks. There appears to be no conservation in your plans. I urge you to take time for additional studies before implementing or finalizing this document.

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I support the alternatives identified in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from future diversions. We need more consideration of ways to better and more efficiently use the water we have now.

Sincerely,

J. C. Poulton
2010 Palmer Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588

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"Paul Raffaeli"
<PaulRa@synnex.com>
10/01/2007 04:12 PM

To: <Bill.Wycko@sfgov.org>
cc
bcc
Subject: FW: Save the Tuolumne

Hello Bill,
Please see below message.

Thanks,

Paul

From: Paul Raffaeli
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2007 10:39 AM
To: 'paul.maltzer@sfgov.org'
Subject: FW: Save the Tuolumne

Paul,
These points below are well outlined and well founded.
Please do not push to divert any more water from the "T".
Conservation is the way to go.

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Thanks,

Paul Raffaeli
3937 Braeburn Ct.
San Jose, CA 95130.

Don't Let San Francisco Suck The Wild Tuolumne Dry!

Write a letter today to encourage the SFPUC to drop its proposal to divert more water from the Tuolumne and focus on water use efficiency and recycling to meet future water needs.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is pushing a "Water Improvement System Program" that proposes to divert an additional 25 million gallons of water daily from the Tuolumne Wild & Scenic River. San Francisco already diverts 60 percent of the river's water. The SFPUC "Improvement Program" could significantly reduce flows in the Tuolumne, which is one of the most popular whitewater and wild trout rivers in California. The SFPUC is using a flawed analysis that inflates future water needs, while underestimating how future needs could be met by increased water use efficiency and water recycling.

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Please read the Key Points below, cut and past what you wish, add your own words, and send your letter to:
Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer

Water System Improvement Program PEIR
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103
paul.maltzer@sfgov.org
Fax 558.6409

Key Points

Background

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Recommendations

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San Francisco Planning Department
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
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Modesto, CA. September 6, 2007



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Affiliation: Grape Gravel

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City, State, Zip: Ceres, CA 95307

Phone or E-mail: _____

WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

Without a doubt S.F. will need
more water for a growing ^{population.} area.
However, there is a ^{definite} limit to how much
can be drawn from the Tuolumne & still
have a river. So make plans for more
water conservation including desalination
& reclaiming waste water which is much
less expensive. No more river water!

SFPUC PEIR comments

MarkR2121@aol.com <MarkR2121@aol.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com
Cc: bill.young@sierraclub.org

Wed, Sep 19, 2007 at 5:58 PM

September 19, 2007

Environmental Review Officer, WSIP PEIR
San Francisco Planning Dept.

Dear Environmental Review Officer,

I would like to comment on the draft Program EIR for the SFPUC's \$4.3 billion water system upgrade. The Program EIR indicates that additional diversions could result in damage to fisheries and sensitive riparian habitat, increased pollution problems in the S.F. Bay Delta and diminished recreational opportunities. I therefore urge that San Francisco protect the Tuolumne River for future generations by requiring water conservation, efficiency and recycling to the maximum extent possible to eliminate or greatly reduce the need for additional diversions from the river. Also, San Francisco should pursue a sustainable water plan that will fully protect the watersheds of the Bay Area and the Sierra Nevada.

Thank you.

Mark Reedy
Sunnyvale, CA

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San Francisco Planning Department
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
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Sonora, CA, September 5, 2007



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Affiliation: _____

Address: PO Box 621 Jamestown CA 95327

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone or E-mail: 209 984 499

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I grew up in the Bay Area and moved to Tuolumne County 5 years ago. I have a deep pride in the progressive values of the Bay Area, and am shocked that cities like LA, Boston, and Seattle are beating SF in water conservation and reuse. I know the Bay Area can lead in this arena if the political will follows the heart values of the people who live there and develops the means to let them think more.

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Public Comment on SFPUC's WISP

Richardson, Matt - SFMH <Matt.Richardson2@chw.edu>
 To: "wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com" <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>
 Cc: "matt_richardson@hotmail.com" <matt_richardson@hotmail.com>

Thu, Sep 6, 2007 at 12:28 PM

Hello,
My comments are simple

1. no increase in water removal from the Tuolumne river. | 01
2. increase marketing/public awareness programs to reduce/conserv water use (current programs are insufficient) | 02
3. increase water recycling | 03
4. NO new dams in California - old technology, and there isn't enough water in the rivers anyway | 04
5. if you're wanting reliability - it's time for De-sal | 05

Thank you,
Dr. Richardson
Doctor of Physical Therapy

Matthew J. Richardson, PT, DPT
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 Center for Sports Medicine
 900 Hyde Street
 San Francisco, CA 94109
 415-353-6400
www.saintfrancismemorial.org

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Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV To Diana Sokolove/CTYPLN/SFGOV@SFGOV
 cc
 10/09/2007 02:54 PM bcc
 Subject Fw: SAVE THE TUOLUMNE RIVER

----- Forwarded by Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV on 10/09/2007 02:53 PM -----



Jim Ross <jameswross@hotmail.com> To <paul.maltzer@sfgov.org>
 cc
 10/03/2007 09:32 PM Subject SAVE THE TUOLUMNE RIVER

Dear Paul,
 I sincerely appreciate you taking the time to understand the possibilities of enough water for everyone be they SF area customers and river users both human and fish. It is a disgrace that San Francisco has rested on it's laurels of Hetch Hetchy and the Tuolumne and now lags behind the nation in even minimal water conservation. More, more, more is not the answer...we are past that point of simplistic thought in environmental concerns. I urge you to Step Up to a new world of possibility and responsibility.

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I appreciate your support of our environment.

Smiles,
 Jim
Playmeister: The Creator Network

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

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1 message

Trish Rowe <trowe@earthlink.net>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Thu, Oct 11, 2007 at 1:36 PM

Dear SFPUC,

I was born in San Francisco, raised in San Carlos, educated at UC Davis, and I have worked and lived in Tuolumne County since 1976. I lobbied against the New Melones Dam Project not because I do not believe in hydropower, but for all of the ill-fated and unsubstantiated reasons attached to that project. Thousands of people in and around Tuolumne County ache from the loss of an incredible river flow, with accompanying educational, recreational and functional resources. I said then and I will say again, let us look at *how* we manage water -- usage and conservation, lifestyle, appropriate-for-the-environment/climate residential and commercial landscape, and local and statewide community policy addressing these vital- to-our-lives concerns. I wholeheartedly concur with the statement provided you by the California Department of Fish and Game:

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"...it is irrefutable that the actions of the SFPUC on the Tuolumne River at Early Intake, Cherry Valley Dam, and Hetch Hetchy, and Lake Eleanor reservoirs influence the water releases from the New Don Pedro Dam. Increased diversion of waters from a river system which currently lacks sufficient flow to support sustainable anadromous fisheries (including Federally Threatened steelhead) should be considered a significant cumulative impact...In this context we believe the WSIP has the potential to cause anadromous fish populations to drop below self-sustaining levels and further reduce the number and restrict range Federal Threatened Central Valley steelhead -- thereby requiring a finding of significant effect [CCR Title 14, section 15065 (a)(1)]. Given the dramatic decline in Tuolumne River salmon adult escapement between 2000 and 2006; we believe that if implemented as proposed, the WSIP would only exacerbate the current decline of anadromous fisheries in the Tuolumne River. Consequently, we respectfully request that the SFPUC use alternative water sources other than the Tuolumne river system or implement water conservation measures to meet drought year demands and 2030 purchase requests..."

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Respectfully,

Trish Rowe

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Save the Tuolumne ...

Ron Schmidt <ronstreehouse@earthlink.net>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 11, 2007 at 3:19 PM

Stop the PUC plan to divert an additional 25 million gallons of water per day from the Tuolumne River in the Hetch Hetchy upgrade effort. Such egregious interference with the fragile ecosystem is criminal and will distort whatever vulnerable balance remains. SAVE THE TUOLUMNE

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Ron Schmidt
515 John Muir Dr., A501
San Francisco, CA 94132

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Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV To Diana Sokolove/CTYPLN/SFGOV@SFGOV
cc
09/25/2007 09:08 AM bcc
Subject Fw: Tuolumne water diversion

Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>



Tuolumne River Water

tinaxurs <tinaxurs@foothill.net>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 17, 2007 at 9:49 AM

Hello;
Please take no additional water out of the Tuolumne river anywhere at any time. This is the time to start conserving in any way possible, water as well as any other natural resource we have been squandering thus far. Thank you!
-- urs schuler, Kelsey, CA.

----- Forwarded by Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV on 09/25/2007 09:08 AM -----



Judy Schriebman <judy@leapfrogproducts.com> To paul.maltzer@sfgov.org
cc
09/22/2007 12:45 PM
Subject Tuolumne water diversion

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

It has come to my attention that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is pushing a "Water Improvement System Program" that proposes to divert an additional 25 million gallons of water daily from the Tuolumne Wild & Scenic River. San Francisco already diverts 60 percent of the river's water. The SFPUC "Improvement Program" could significantly reduce flows in the Tuolumne, which is one of the most popular whitewater and wild trout rivers in California. The SFPUC is using a flawed analysis that inflates future water needs, while underestimating how future needs could be met by increased water use efficiency and water recycling. 01

The Tuolumne was designated a Wild and Scenic River in 1984. Surely this plan will severely impact it and the wildlife that depend upon it. The proposal seems more in keeping with the thinking of the 50's than current times, which look for recycling and water efficiency use to lessen the impact on our free ranging rivers. 02

I urge you to focus on these last means to provide water to your residents, rather than drawing off more water and threatening this magnificent river. Reclamation and reduced usage are what we are successfully using in our area to meet our water needs, as river flows are needed more and more to protect habitat and fish populations.

Sincerely,

Judy Schriebman
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Judy Schriebman for LGVSD
415-472-3345
<http://www.electjudy.org/>

Please Vote on Tues. Nov. 6!

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Dear Commissioner Brooks,

It is an environmental absurdity to pull more water from the Tuolumne River. The environmental effects would be devastating and unneeded. The suitability of this destruction is too ~~more~~ much to bear for the concerned residents of San Francisco. As other cities such as Seattle and Los Angeles can learn to conserve so can we. I'll see you at the hearing.

Sincerely,
Kelly Shea

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C-Simpk



Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Tuolumne Water

John Simpkin <jsimpkin@hotmail.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Fri, Sep 14, 2007 at 7:45 PM

Please DO NOT extract more water from the Tuolumne River. It is a wonderful river with great beauty that is enjoyed by thousands of people every year. 01

John Simpkin

Capture your memories in an online journal!
http://www.reallivemoms.com?ocid=TXT_TAGHM&loc=us

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Dear Mr. Maltzer,

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: *C. Sloan Ron Sloan*
 Affiliation: *resident of Tuolumne County*
 Address: *23949 Quaker Lane*
 City, State, Zip: *Tweed, Harter, Ca 95383*
 Phone or E-mail: *209 586 2635, blackcat@mlodes.com*

I am writing to urge you to address the environmental impacts of diverting water from the Tuolumne River.

As a resident of the Bay Area for over 45 years, I grew up drinking Hetch Hetchy water and I understand both its quality and value. As a youth I saw the Tuolumne River firsthand, by raft and foot, and know it as a raw and wild scenic treasure that would likely suffer irreparable damage from additional water diversion. As a former park ranger in Yosemite National Park, I understand the need for a wise use policy that balances the needs of people and the requirements of healthy ecosystems.

WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

We are totally against giving away our water to any county. We do not have sufficient for our growing population & for our acres of forest lands at risk of fires nor our creek & river needs. We are going to learn more about this so we can successfully fight!

I cannot, in good conscience, allow the Tuolumne River's natural wonders and resources to be lost due to lack of foresight, for my daughter and all generations to come. Enjoying natural places like the Tuolumne River are *what* we live for, using them wisely is *how* we protect them. Let's not waste its water on unsustainable and inappropriate uses.

While I support the need for seismic upgrade to Hetch Hetchy Dam, I implore you to further study the potential to the Tuolumne River and commit to water conservation, recycling, and efficient use as the best solution to creating a sustainable water plan for the SF Bay Area.

Sincerely,

Evan Winslow Smith

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Tuolumne River Water Theft

Mjandpasmith@aol.com <Mjandpasmith@aol.com>

Sun, Sep 30, 2007 at 12:52 AM

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Cc: Mjandpasmith@aol.com

Cut the waste! Especially, cut the tremendous waste by agribiz that exceeds all other water wastage combined, even as they use a majority of California's water. Right now the plan is to give them the Tuolumne River, as we've done with other rivers in the past and more to come.

We don't have to shut down the truck farms or orchards. Just stop growing rice and cotton and alfalfa where it should not be grown. Do that by charging farm water rates that are closer to real costs, and not a huge subsidy carried on the backs of industry and California's householders.

Look, farmers are a tiny minority of Californians and get laughably minute productivity from water they use, compared to business, industrial, and residential users. Start weaning the handful of millionaire farmers from the taxpayers' teats. They could be encouraged to grow a different crop mix in a less wasteful way and still make their millions. But they won't do that if we just roll over and give them a bigger share of the water while they waste enough water to wash every CA car and driveway daily.

Please, don't just pee away the Tuolumne to further enrich the alfalfa barons.

Paul Smith, Los Gatos and Twain Harte

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Tuolumne River

Cindy Spring <spring5@mindspring.com>

Tue, Sep 25, 2007 at 12:00 PM

To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Maltzer,

I urge you to take into account all the environmental factors involved in the proposals regarding the Tuolumne River. My chief concern is the protection of habitat for the fish and other wildlife that depend for their lives on the river.

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I believe we have barely begun to learn how conservation measures can be used to provide more water for humans.

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Please keep me abreast of the EIRs that pertain to this matter.

Thank you.

Cindy Spring
6886 Pinehaven Rd.
Oakland, CA 94611

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Peter Steinhart
717 Addison Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94301

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Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Maltzer,

I am writing to comment on the Draft PEIR for the WSIP. I take no issue with the analysis of the proposed seismic upgrades. But I see no need to bundle into this upgrade program a proposal to increase diversions from the Hetch Hetchy System. And in rushing to tack onto the retrofit an additional diversion, I believe the Environmental Impact Report falls short of what is necessary. I believe the report uses flawed modeling to inflate future water demands and understates the efficacy of conservation. The PUC's own studies show that conservation measures could easily eliminate three-quarters of the need for any increased diversion. And I believe the discussion of potential impacts of global warming on the Tuolumne's future flows is inadequate. The discussion defers global warming impacts to a period beyond the purview of the project and shrugs off impacts as being "within the same range that occurs under both the existing and proposed operations and management of the system" – a range which includes of course drought year levels which, spread out over years or decades by global warming, would have devastating impact on fish and wildlife. More study of the upper Tuolumne River is needed before effects can be adequately assessed. Climate change could also cause increased diversions from the Tuolumne to have significant impacts on the health of the Sacramento Delta and San Francisco Bay.

Sincerely,

Peter Steinhart

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Regarding PEIR of SFPUC Tuolumne River plan

Marc Sugars <m_sugars@yahoo.com>
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Wed, Sep 26, 2007 at 10:59 AM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

September 26, 2007

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I am writing you in regards to the environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River. I urge you to carry out additional studies before finalizing this report so that all of the environmental impacts of this plan are taken into account.

Diverting additional water will have serious impacts on the ecology of the Tuolumne River watershed. More efforts should be focused on exploring more sustainable alternatives mentioned in your report such as water conservation, efficiency, and recycling. These methods have been shown to help reduce water demand in other metropolitan areas. Not only will this help protect this valuable and awe-inspiring watershed but it will also help us decrease our reliance on a water source that may not provide the amount of water it once did due to global warming.

Thank you for your time,

Marc Sugars
2332 18th Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94116

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Tuolumne River

1 message

Karen Sundback <sundback@sbcglobal.net>
To: Paul Maltzer <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 8:24 AM

Mr. Maltzer,

The Tuolumne River Diversion Debate is a tough one. Presently this portion of Tuolumne River feeds the Delta. California voters rejected a peripheral canal around the Delta in 1982. Now that Governor Schwarzenegger is taking a different approach from his own blue ribbon water panel and is supporting the peripheral canal, who gets water rights to this portion of the Tuolumne River if the peripheral canal gets the okay?

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Many of us would like to save the Tuolumne River. However, with the peripheral canal looming in the background, this becomes a more difficult issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Sundback

[Karen Sundback](#)

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

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SFPUC's WSIP DPEIR

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Cc: Barbara Symons <new.leaf@earthlink.net>

Thu, Sep 20, 2007 at 1:04 PM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
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September 20, 2007

Paul Maltzer,

I do NOT want the SFPUC to accept the current Draft PEIR for SFPUC's Proposed Water System Improvement Program. I was at the Public Hearing on this issue in Palo Alto last night, September 19, 2007, and am strongly opposed to this Draft PEIR.

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I demand the SFPUC separate two issues that are now combined in the current Draft PEIR. Separate:

- 1) Seismic Upgrades of the water delivery system, which is obviously needed, from
- 2) The plan to divert an additional 25 million gallons per day more of the Tuolumne River, which has NOT been accurately studied, planned, and addressed and is environmentally unsound.

The above are two separate environmental issues inappropriately joined into one single Draft Program Environmental Impact Report.

I demand that the SF Public Utilities Commission:

- 1) Reject the current Draft PEIR.
- 2) Separate these two SF water supply issues: Seismic Upgrades and Increased Tuolumne River Usage.
- 3) Create two new Draft PEIRs, one for each issue.
- 4) Have two NEW public hearings on each separate issue.

SFPUC, Reject this Draft PEIR!

N. L.
Resident of Ten Years
Palo Alto Area, CA

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

FW: SFPUC Water System Improvement Program

1 message

Scott Taylor <staylor@laclinica.org>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 9:02 AM

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From: Scott Taylor [mailto:staylor@laclinica.org]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2007 9:11 AM
To: 'wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com'
Subject: SFPUC Water System Improvement Program

To Whom It May Concern:
I am writing you concern the Water System Improvement Program. While all would agree that the system needs a major upgrade, I would strongly urge not to take more water from the Toulumne River. We need to take the step to conserve and reuse water instead always taking more. Our rivers are already being sucked dry.
No more water from the Toulumne.
Thanks,
Scott Taylor

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COMMENT CARD
San Francisco Planning Department
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the
SFPUC's Proposed Water System Improvement Program
Palo Alto, CA. September 19, 2007



Thank you for participating in tonight's public hearing on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's proposed Water System Improvement Program (WSIP). This is also an opportunity for you to submit written comments on the Draft PEIR for the proposed WSIP.

Written comments will be accepted through close of business on Monday, October 1, 2007. Written comments may be submitted in one of three ways:

1. Leave your written comments in the designated "Comment Box" tonight. These cards are provided for your convenience.
2. Mail your comments by October 1, 2007 to the San Francisco Planning Department, Attention: Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer, WSIP PEIR, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103
3. E-mail written comments to wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Affiliation: resident
Address: 889 College Ave
City, State, Zip: Palo Alto CA
Phone or E-mail:

WRITTEN COMMENTS Write clearly and continue on back. Use multiple sheets if needed.

Why hasn't 'conservation' been asked of us? why are we still allowed to pour limitless gallons of water on our lawns and down our drains?
Conservation first - not this

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Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV To Diana Sokolove/CTYPLN/SFGOV@SFGOV
cc
09/25/2007 09:28 AM bcc
Subject Fw: Tuolumne River "Improvement Program"

----- Forwarded by Paul Maltzer/CTYPLN/SFGOV on 09/25/2007 09:27 AM -----



"Betsy Thagard" To <paul.maltzer@sfgov.org>
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09/20/2007 02:06 PM Subject Tuolumne River "Improvement Program"
Please respond to <betsy@greenplanetproper
ties.com>

Dear Sir:

I am writing to urge the SFPUC to drop its proposal to divert more water from the Tuolumne River.

Decreasing reliance on the Tuolumne is critical not only for protecting the health of the river, but also for preparing for the future uncertainty of the Sierra snowpack as a result of global warming. Instead of proposing more water withdrawals from the Tuolumne, The SFPUC should adopt a policy of reducing diversions from the Tuolumne River over time. In adopting such a policy, the SFPUC should conduct a study to determine the maximum potential for conservation and efficiency savings within the SFPUC service territory. Any additional demand for water within its territory should be met through increased investment in conservation, efficiency, and recycling. Thank you for working to protect the Tuolumne River by reducing water withdrawals over time.

Betsy Thagard
1937 Carleton Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Tuolumne

Julia Thollaug <feelingroovy1018@yahoo.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 11, 2007 at 2:36 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I recently was informed of the SFPUC's plan to divert 25 millions gallons of water per day from the Tuolumne. I think this plan would be extremely detrimental to our state's ecosystem and I hope that you will refuse this request. We drain too much water from our watersheds already. Please do not divert more water from the Tuolumne.

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Sincerely,

Julia Thollaug

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May 2, 2007

Ryan Brooks
SF PUC
c/o Sierra Club Bay Chapter
2530 San Pablo Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702

Dear Ryan Brooks,

I join with the Sierra Club in urging the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to protect the federally designated wild-and-scenic Tuolumne River from any additional diversions of water.

Meet future needs of water through conservation and recycling as other regions in the West have done such as the Seattle regional water system and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

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Sincerely,

Dennis Thomas
147 St. Germain
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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PEIR comments - no more water from Tuolumne.

Tibor Toth <TToth@hilmarcheese.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 4, 2007 at 4:12 PM

I am writing to express my concern over taking more water from the Tuolumne river to pursue more water for the Bay Area.

While I understand the need to provide fresh water to a growing community, there is also the responsibility of the community to get the water with a minimal impact to the environment in a sustainable fashion. The bottom line is the Delta and River basin has long suffered from a lack of water which has resulted in high salt levels in the Valley. The delicate balance in one of the world's most productive farming community is being hurt by the urban sprawl which has outgrown its natural resources.

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A better and sustainable, although more expensive, solution is to use membrane technology to use sea water for fresh water. This technology has been well proven and is economically feasible with an increase in use tax for the people that need the water in the Bay Area. The energy to run the pumps can be utilized from wind and tide power that is also locally available and renewable. This forces the Bay Area communities to see where their water is growing instead of just relying on taking the snowfall in the Sierra's. And remember, if there's a drought in the Bay Area, there's the same drought in the Sierra's. Stealing from the Tuolumne River is not a solution, it's a bad environmental loan.

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You can not continue to steal the water from the Delta so you don't have to pay as much money to fuel the Bay Area's growth. The Bay Area is a huge economic power - use that power to invest in their own water. Countries all over the world use thousands of membrane units to deliver clean water. There is no reason that the Bay Area shouldn't do the same.

Tibor Toth
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209-656-2205

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Comments on WSIP

Marianna <taraihito@yahoo.com>
To: Paul Maltzer <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>
Cc: bill.young@sierraclub.org

Wed, Sep 26, 2007 at 10:00 PM

Dear Paul / Environmental Review (SFPUC),

I'm a resident and homeowner in unincorporated Redwood City, and I'm writing to ask you to improve SFPUC's Water Supply Improvement Plan. Thanks for working on this, thinking ahead and preparing a draft Environmental Impact Report. However SFPUC's water plan is based on inflated projections, and does not do enough to protect the Tuolumne River and other watersheds.

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Please make plans for more conservation and creative reuse of water, and rely less on drawing water from the Tuolumne River. As we can see this year already, the snow pack is likely to be more variable due to climate change and the ecosystems in the mountains and in the Bay Area will be more stressed by climatic extremes. The fish and the plant life (which protect the watersheds and help filter rainwater) need the water more than we do. The correct response is more conservation and careful use of water, not higher use of river water. A more diverse mix of supplies will reduce risk for us and reduce stress on ecosystems.

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I don't believe that the population will increase significantly in this area because the housing prices are too high, and salaries are not keeping up. I can only afford my house because we bought 10 years ago. Those who do move here are likely to be in more dense housing which won't need so much water for landscaping.

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There is much that can be done by individuals, businesses and municipalities to conserve water. I'm happy that Redwood City has taken proactive steps such as offering low-water toilets free. I urge you to use your clout by insisting on aggressive water conservation measures and watershed protection, now - before climate change worsens the situation. This will also save money for everyone.

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Sincerely,

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Tuolumnee River Project

Kristen Tucker <ktucker22@sbcglobal.net>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 11, 2007 at 6:58 PM

I am writing you to urge you to please leave the plans for further water diversion from the Tuolumne river out of the Hetch Hetchy upgrade project. We all need to focus on conserving and recycling water better before we take more from our already over-taxed rivers. 01

Sincerely,
Kristen Tucker
San Francisco

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I am writing today in response to
proposal to take vast volumes of water from
the ~~the~~ Tuolumne River. The idea that
we will dry up this wild and scenic river
to feed east bay sprawl is appalling. The
cities of the east bay can supply their
water needs through conservation and improved
engineering.

Other cities such as Seattle and Los
Angeles have done this. They have achieved
growth rates the east bay desires while
keeping water usage flat. There is no
reason that an area as innovative and rich
as the bay area cannot do the same. We're
every bit as smart, sensible, and resourceful
as they are.

Instead we are proposing to draw down
one of the very natural wonders that draws
people to this area of the country. We are
choosing to do so at a time when our snow
pack is being depleted and flows will be
declining. We can make a wiser choice. We can
choose to ~~preserve~~ conserve and apply sound engineering
to preserve the river for our own ~~old~~ age, for
our children's lives, and for future residents of this
region. We are not consumers of today. We are ~~guardians~~
of tomorrow's future.

DEAR COMMISSIONER BROOKS

01 I WRITE THIS LETTER IN ORDER TO PLEASE
ASK YOU TO NOT PULL OUT ANY MORE WATER
FROM THE TUOLUMNE RIVER. THINK ABOUT
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS! WOULD YOU LIKE
TO LIVE IN A CITY OR COUNTRY WHERE YOU HAD
BARELY ANY WATER? I DON'T THINK SO, SO
THINK ABOUT IT AND DON'T DO IT.

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P.S... SEE YOU AT THE
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Dear Commissioner Brooks

The tremendous amount of water that is demanded by residents is ridiculous. The Tuolumne River is one of the most important water sources and trying to siphon more water out of it, especially for a reason such as watering plants and their lawns, is absolutely absurd. People who 'need' water perfectly good drinking water to water their lawns ~~obviously~~ don't appreciate the people around us and our environment. ~~There are so many individuals out there who need water to survive what happens when we have a shortage in it? Please do NOT let water out of the Tuolumne River. ~~Just think about it~~ why give it to people who do not need it to draw a single, tiny ~~leaves~~ patch of grass when you can use it the right way ~~to use it when you really need it~~ or to those who really need it. Make the right decision.~~

Sincerely,

Rachel [Signature]

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August 15, 2007

To Commissioner Ryan D. Brooks, President of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

I recently was informed of the plan to take 25 million gallons of water out of the Tuolumne River. I feel this is such an absurd plan due to the fact that the water will not be used for drinking, but to water lawns in far countries. There are so many other ways we can water lawns such as using recycled water. With such a huge water crisis at hand in California, I do not feel pulling out more water is the answer. I strongly oppose this plan.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

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*I strongly hope that after reading
 a number of letters from the USF
 research students you will seriously
 consider ~~the~~ taking that large amount
 of water out of the beautiful Tuolumne
 River, there are other options, let
 your resources to research them.*

Sincerely

Matthew Urdan

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Tuolumne River

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Thu, Sep 27, 2007 at 4:38 PM

September 27, 2007

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I am a whitewater rafter who travels to California every May and August to take advantage of the unequalled recreational opportunities of the Sierras, California's National Parks, and of course, Yosemite and the Tuolumne River. My love for the Tuolumne goes back over 30 years when my family took a vacation to Yosemite and we drove to Tuolumne Meadows. Even back in the summer of 1975 when I was only 10 years old, I was struck by the river's beauty in this beautiful meadow. One of my strongest memories of childhood family vacations is stepping into the gentle waters of the Tuolumne as it meandered across the highway while waiting for my father to secure backcountry hiking permits for us before our week long hike along its banks to its source.

I have returned often to that special place known as Tuolumne Meadows, and often I have repeated that backcountry hike. More recently, I have become a whitewater enthusiast. I have rafted the Tuolumne over a dozen times, including the Class V Cherry Creek Section. The Tuolumne River is a very special river to me, as it is to million of others who have visited it and to those countless millions who depend on it to provide them with drinking water. However, I don't believe the Tuolumne can support any more than it already does. Your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River fails to adequately identify and address all of the environmental impacts to the River. I urge you to undertake additional studies before finalizing this document.

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I support the alternatives identified in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from new diversions. Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lessen impacts on the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water plan for the Bay Area.

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Only by ensuring that healthy amounts of water continue to flow into the Tuolumne River can we protect this irreplaceable natural treasure.

Even though I currently live in North Carolina, I am a member of the Tuolumne River Trust Organization, and I hope you take my comments into consideration as seriously as those who live in San Francisco, the Bay Area, and the rest of California. Sincerely,

Matthew S. Urdan
13077 Highway 19 West
Bryson City, North Carolina 28713

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Comment on SFPUC's Proposal

Paul Vadopalas <paulvadopalas@california.com>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Oct 1, 2007 at 3:33 PM

I attended Public Hearing on September 19, 2007 in Palo Alto at Avenidas.

My comments are:

Given the projected population growth, requirements for additional water will never cease . The availability of water is limited. We do not have the ability to create glaciers or snow-packs in the Sierras. We cannot damn more rivers, or pump more water from the existing water table without hurting or destroying our ecological system and economic base. The only way to produce drinkable water is by building desalination plants. This is the reality all public utilities in California will face. Lets leave the few remaining untamed rivers alone, and apply technology to solve our projected water shortage problems.

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Respectfully,

Paul Vadopalas
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Palo Alto, CA 94303

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Tuolumne River water plan

Jim Vermeys <jimmypaul@jps.net>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Sun, Sep 30, 2007 at 11:01 AM

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I have been enjoying benefits of the Tuolumne River my entire life (46 years). I have fished, camped, rafted, watched my brother get married standing next to it, swam, hiked, lived and loved in, on and around that river. I urge you to take a better look at the environmental impact your plan would have on my favorite river.

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Please consider better water conservation, efficiency and an improved recycling program rather than take water from the Tuolumne.

Thank you.

Jim Vermeys
Martinez, CA

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Diana Sokolove <wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com>

Tuolumne River

Karen Vermeys <kvermeys@sbcglobal.net>
To: wsip.peir.comments@gmail.com

Mon, Sep 24, 2007 at 4:45 PM

We are annual campers of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, and in all the many, many years I've been a Tuolumne camper, I have never seen our river so low!

Therefore, I am very much against using water from the Tuolumne River. Please reconsider to ensure that the water level will go no lower than it is now (which actually would be dry!).

Thank you,

Karen Vermeys

August 15, 2007

Dear Commissioner Brooks,
With all of the water problems and issues we are having in California, why would you let this plan pass? Just imagine: if you pass this plan, our clean drinking water will be used on something that would not be affected by recycled water. People need clean water, not plants. Do not get me wrong, plants need clean water to an extent, but not as bad as humans. Just think - you don't want to be worrying about your water! Think about it! If you extract more water from the Tuolumne, it will be left dry eventually. Don't do it! Be the bigger man!

Sincerely,
Ashleigh Voytkes

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing today to express my opposition to the Public Utilities Commission's plans to take more water out of the

Tuolumne River. I feel these plans are not in our best interest for several reasons, but I wish only to express two of them in writing.

First, we are facing the very real possibility of a drought, and as such, we have ~~the~~^a responsibility to the future not to increase water consumption. We should instead focus more energy toward water conservation and water recycling. If Seattle & Los Angeles can meet their increased water demand without using more water, so should we here in the Bay Area.

Secondly, this river is beautiful, and home to diverse wildlife. We should not do anything to harm this area.

I hope you will take the proper steps to make the Bay Area a leader in water conservation.

Sincerely Yours,

Leo Vrana

Leo Vrana
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Draft PEIR – Hetch Hetchy Infrastructure Upgrade

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

The purpose of this letter is to comment on proposals to increase water supplies as part of the seismic upgrade to the Hetch Hetchy system.

I live in Menlo Park and am a user of Hetch Hetchy water. I also spend significant time walking and birdwatching around the San Francisco Bay and hiking and backpacking in California's mountains and wilderness areas.

I have been aware for a long time that the SFPUC is many years overdue in maintaining and upgrading the Hetch Hetchy delivery system infrastructure, and I applaud the PUC for embarking on the seismic upgrade so necessary to ensure a reliable water supply. However, I am concerned that the PUC is considering additional projects, i.e., stream diversion and increasing water supplies, as part of the seismic upgrade and maintenance project. Developing new sources of drinking water as part of this project is ill-advised.

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The draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) is flawed in many respects, including:

- Additional water supplies are outside of the scope of the long overdue maintenance project. We the water customers do not want any further delays on the maintenance project.
- Water customers will be incurring significant increases in water bills for the purpose of securing and maintaining the present source of water. We do not want to pay for legal battles to be incurred because the PUC is adding an additional task of diverting more water from a wild and scenic river.
- It is no longer disputed that global climate change is occurring and that citizens and government agencies must take immediate action to adjust to that reality. It is not disputed that last winter's rains were below average. This reality requires SFPUC to undertake immediate conservation measures.

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- Even without global warning and the current low rainfall concerns, California should have been implementing strong water conservation measures since the last drought. Significant areas of California have a desert climate, but Californians use water as if it were an unlimited resource —lawns, tropical flower gardens, flood irrigation, large-scale commodity agriculture instead of food production. Californians have shown a lack of political will with regard to mandatory water conservation measures. The SFPUC must take the lead to reduce water demand within its service area.
 - The PEIR fails to address the many environmental impacts of increased diversion of water from the Tuolumne River, including the impact on the watershed and the projected reduction of the volume of water in the Tuolumne due to reduced snowpack.
 - Water conservation and efficiency measures are the cheapest, easiest, and least destructive ways to meet demand and extend supply.
 - The PEIR does not address the potential increase of water supplies by water recycling. The State Water Resources Control Board and the Regional Water Resources Control Boards are currently considering water recycling programs and standards. The PEIR does not take these programs into account.
- I urge the SFPUC to perform the seismic upgrades to the Hetch Hetchy infrastructure without diverting additional water from the Tuolumne River or any other watershed. Instead, the SFPUC should immediately undertake water conservation measures to reduce diversion from our stressed watersheds.

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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Patricia L. Walker

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Comments on the PEIR for the WSIP.

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Thu, Sep 27, 2007 at 10:49 AM

Dear Mr. Maltzer:

As both a frequent visitor and huge fan of both the Tuolumne River and San Francisco I urge you to take another look at your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River before finalizing it.

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The Tuolumne is an irreplaceable natural treasure, one of the most beautiful and unique rivers in the world. Alternatives requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling are the best way to lessen impacts on the Tuolumne River, and reduce long-term infrastructure costs. Other cities have managed to grow while reducing water consumption. The Bay area is known for having a strong environmental ethic and I have no doubt that the area could easily become a leader in water conservation.

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Around 60% of the water in the basin is already diverted. Good flows in the Tuolumne River are critical to protecting the river as one of our natural treasures and as a unique recreational playground.

Kind Regards,

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Wed, Sep 26, 2007 at 8:02 PM

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
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Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I have hiked and rafted much of the Tuolumne river from Tuolumne Meadows to New Don Pedro Reservoir. Its beauty and environmental value are unmatched in Sierra, indeed, in California. I also work in San Francisco and appreciate the high quality of the water there.

Your environmental review of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's plan to take more water from the Tuolumne River fails to adequately identify and address all of the environmental impacts to the River. I urge you to undertake additional studies before finalizing this document.

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I support the alternatives identified in your draft document that protect the Tuolumne River from new diversions. Requiring more water conservation, efficiency, and recycling is the best way to lessen impacts on the Tuolumne River while promoting a sustainable water plan for the Bay Area. Using pristine water from the Tuolumne to flush our toilets and water our lawns just doesn't make sense.

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Only by ensuring that healthy amounts of water continue to flow into the Tuolumne River can we protect this irreplaceable natural treasure.

Sincerely,

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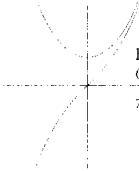
Ask me how to become a river guide and help save California rivers.

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September 12, 2007

Paul Maltzer, Environmental Review Officer
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Dear Mr. Maltzer:

The PUC's proposal to divert additional water from the Tuolumne stands out as an unnecessary and destructive approach to a complex, long-term problem better approached in other ways.

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I urge you to carefully study the Tuolumne River Trust's recommendations as an extremely useful starting point.

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Tue, Sep 25, 2007 at 11:55 AM

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Dear Mr. Walzer

Mr. Paul Maltzer
Environmental Review Officer, WSIP PEIR
San Francisco Planning Department

Dear Mr. Maltzer,

Please act to protect the Tuolumne River for future generations by requiring water conservation, efficiency, and recycling, instead of taking more water from this river.

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The SFPUC should re-evaluate its projections for future water demand and conservation.

The PEIR uses flawed modeling to determine the anticipated increase in water demand, thus inflating projected future needs. Other metropolitan areas (especially Seattle and Los Angeles) have managed to reduce water demand even in the face of growth.

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The PEIR fails to properly address all of the impacts of taking more water from the river because it lacks an adequate baseline study. A comprehensive study has not been done for 15 years, and a current study will not be completed in this review period.

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The PEIR does not take into consideration the impact of climate change on precipitation in the Tuolumne River watershed.

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Decreasing reliance on the Tuolumne is critical not only for protecting the health of the River, but also for preparing for the future uncertainty of the Sierra snowpack due to global warming.

Water conservation and efficiency measures are the cheapest, easiest, and least destructive ways to meet demand and extend supply.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Doris Williams
Member of Sierra Club, Acterra, Audubon Society

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Save the Tuolumne!!!!

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Tue, Sep 11, 2007 at 2:15 PM

Dear Sirs:

Please don't be short sighted and allow this river to be drained!

Please help protect this national treasure!

Thank you,

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Email and AIM finally together. You've gotta check out free AOL Mail! -

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Our beautiful Tuolumne River

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Mon, Sep 24, 2007 at 3:47 PM

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Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I really hope you'll do more research before you finalize your documents. It is very necessary to know the facts before we get into a really sad situation. I have been on the periphery of the SF Public Utilities Commission, so I am only just beginning to learn about the importance of this commission. I urge you not to be hasty in your decision-making.

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The Tuolumne River is such a gorgeous place. Please treat it kindly.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wolf

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September 28, 2007

Mr. Paul Maltzer
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San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Protect the Tuolumne River


Dear Mr. Maltzer:

I am writing to you as a native San Franciscan who is concerned about the fate of one of our most valuable natural resources, the Tuolumne River. The river provides not only beauty but is a natural habitat to many fish as well. The conservation of the Tuolumne River is of the utmost important issue at hand right now.

I urge you to support a sustainable water plan that will protect our watersheds in the Bay Area and Sierras before this irreplaceable natural treasure is gone forever. We must conserve the river rather than increase water diversion. The results will be disastrous if we don't take action to preserve the Tuolumne River. Right now they are diverting close to 60% of the Tuolumne and any more diversion will threaten the entire ecosystem in the Bay Area.

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Thank your for taking serious action to conserve and recycle this most precious natural resource for us now and for the future generations.

Sincerely,

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