



Thursday, November 01, 2018

Dear President Cohen and Honorable Supervisors,

I am writing to clarify the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC)'s position on the Resolution regarding the State Water Resources Control Board's proposed update to the Bay-Delta Plan (Board of Supervisors File No. 181014).

Over the past week, I worked closely with the sponsor of the Resolution, Supervisor Peskin, to draft amendments to the Resolution urging the State to allow key stakeholders, including SFPUC, to continue important voluntary settlement negotiations regarding the substance of the Bay-Delta Plan update. However, after further review, it is clear that the language in this Resolution is counterproductive to our on-going settlement negotiations and does not accurately reflect SFPUC's position on the Plan update.

As we have said all along, the SFPUC agrees with the State's goal of promoting and protecting the salmonid population on the Tuolumne River. While the SFPUC supports the language in the Resolution urging the State Water Board to "allow SFPUC, other water agencies, and environmental and fishing groups to enter into voluntary agreements in a timely manner for consideration by the State Water Board," we do not support adoption of the Bay-Delta Plan update in its current form. Specifically, we cannot support the plan's 40% unimpaired flow requirement because our drought modeling shows it would cause severe water shortages for our 2.7 million Bay Area customers during droughts while providing uncertain benefits to the salmonid population. Rather, SFPUC supports giving key stakeholders more time to negotiate key changes to the Plan update before the State Water Board acts.

Based on our site-specific science, we know that there is a smarter way to achieve better results for both the fish and the people that rely on the Bay-Delta ecosystem. Settlement negotiations are happening now and we are committed to continuing negotiations to create a solution that will improve the Bay Delta's ecosystem and ensure a solid future for the Bay Area's water supply.

Thank you,

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