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Questions for the BDCP, Submitted by Nicole Suard, Esq. for Snug Harbor Resorts, LLC (2 pages)

All of the following questions relate to the BDCP Core Elements, for the North Delta diversion and associated bypass flows at Steamboat Slough, as it will or may affect the peninsula known as Snug Harbor and the islands of Grand, Ryer and Sutter.

1. Reference: Preliminary Draft dated 1/30/2009 "Preliminary Modeling Evaluation of Draft Conservation Strategy Core Elements."
 - A. What studies, if any, have been conducted to assure that increase of flow into the Yolo Bypass at high tides during high water times will not cause a backup of outflow from Steamboat Slough which would result in flooding of properties located at Snug Harbor?
 - B. Page 11 indicates a decrease of flow into Steamboat and Sutter Sloughs due to the taking of Sacramento River water north of these sloughs. What is the anticipated effect on silting in both sloughs with reduced flow velocity and volume? Are there plans to dredge all or part of the sloughs?
 - C. Page 15 shows a map with large red dots, as well as other color dots. There is no key for the map. What do these dots mean and where can one find the raw data that might represent the dots?
 - D. Page 16 shows a chart of North Delta Salinity. Please describe what are the anticipated effects of doubling the salinity readings at Cache Slough at Ryer Island for 4 to 6 months of the year. How will it affect the farms, resort and residents that have riparian rights to use slough water for irrigation? How will it affect the drinking water wells along Steamboat Slough, at Snug Harbor in particular? As existing vegetation along Snug Harbor might react negatively to a change in salinity over such a long time each year, are there alternative recommended produce and landscape plants and trees that are/will be proposed by the BDCP?
 - E. What mitigation measures are being proposed to assist negatively impacted property owners along the affected sloughs?
2. BDCP Steering Committee Meeting Handout on 2/13/09 titled SAIC "Straw" Proposal for Draft Habitat Restoration Recommendations. Table 1 on page 2 recommends that 10 linear miles of channel bank be restored along Steamboat and Sutter Sloughs.
 - A. Please provide a map showing the proposed bank areas that would be restored along Steamboat and Sutter Sloughs, including a description if the levee in the specified locations are proposed to be set back or the channel margin reduced by the width of the proposed bank.
 - B. What specific habitats and species will be restored by the proposed Steamboat and Sutter channel and bank modifications?
 - C. What vegetation is proposed to be planted, assuming the higher salinity of the slough water estimated by the BDCP above study?

- D. Is it anticipated that human access and/or motorized boating will be limited at or around the channel bank modification areas? If so, how limited and who will be enforcing those limits?
 - E. What is the projected cost per square foot, acre and mile of restoration of channel bank and when is it expected this work would begin?
3. Some of the documents or maps appearing online that are or have been used by BDCP for the studies resulting in the Habitat Restoration Recommendations, and maps related to flooding zones and seismic zones intermittently incorrectly label Ryer Island, and may also incorrectly list Snug Harbor Drive as "Port" Lane. (Note that there are two islands named Ryer in Solano County, which may account for part of the problem.) What mapping resource is BDCP and Delta Vision using that has been providing incorrect island names? With reference to Snug Harbor Drive incorrect road label, where did the name "Port" come from and why is the incorrect road name being used? Solano County and FEMA, the Delta Vision committee, Google and TeleAtlas have all been notified of this problem. It still has not been resolved. The reason this is brought up now is because studies of soil types from the OTHER Ryer Island were taken in 2005, but referred to in later reports regarding the Ryer Island off Steamboat Slough, which may mean those studies are using incorrect soil data. Please provide the name and contact information for the responsible person and agency regarding mapping issues, so that this problem can be addressed before any more incorrect maps are published.

Respectfully submitted,

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