

**Testimony of the Department of Water Resources  
on South Delta Salinity Objectives  
and  
Dissolved Oxygen Objectives in the San Joaquin River <sup>1</sup>**

The May 1995 Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay estuary issued by the State Water Resources Control Board adopted year-round south Delta salinity objectives of between 0.7 EC and 1.0 EC at four locations: (1) San Joaquin River at Vernalis, (2) San Joaquin River at Brandt Bridge, (3) Old River near Middle River, and (4) Old River at Tracy Road Bridge. In addition, a dissolved oxygen standard of 6.0 milligrams per liter or better on the San Joaquin River between Turner Cut and Stockton was adopted from September through November.

The purpose of my testimony today is to explain to the State Water Resources Control Board what the Department of Water Resources believes are the appropriate water quality implementation measures for the State Water Project's and the federal

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