



*By email and hand delivery*

January 8, 2008

Tam M. Doduc, Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P. O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

RE: PELAGIC ORGANISM DECLINE

Dear Chairwoman Doduc,

On January 22, 2008, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will hold a public workshop to consider the Pelagic Organism Decline (POD) in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. The Bay Institute (TBI) has submitted extensive comments to the SWRCB in two previous workshops, and continues to recommend that the SWRCB adopt the actions contained in those submissions to help remedy the probable causes of the POD. We are resubmitting these previous comments, and also providing new information on POD conditions contained in two documents produced by TBI since the most recent workshop. These documents are included as attachments to this letter:

- (1) March 2, 2007, letter from TBI to Chair Doduc.
- (2) March 22, 2007, PowerPoint presentation to SWRCB.
- (3) June 19, 2007, PowerPoint presentation to SWRCB.

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- (4) August 8, 2007, petition by TBI and other parties to the California Fish and Game Commission to list the longfin smelt as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act.
- (5) November 30, 2007, San Francisco Bay Fish Index prepared by TBI for the San Francisco Estuary Project Indicators Consortium.

We plan to make a presentation summarizing our findings and recommendations at the upcoming workshop. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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