

commentletters - Comments on Strategic Workplan, June 2008

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Ms Jeanine Townsend, Board Staff, and Board-

These comments are on the Water Use Efficiency section of the report, pages 85 and following. I am concerned that there is no mention of the cost of these proposals to the water users, particularly those upstream of the Delta. The writers seem to recognize that most of the water not consumed by evapotranspiration in interior regions is already being reused, but then go on to talk about big potential savings. I think you need to justify that the benefits to local users justify the measures proposed and their cost. Loading extra costs onto local water users to meet some numerical goal is not good public service.

By the way, you should take out that 2.9 million AF upper estimate for agricultural conservation potential; it is patently ridiculous unless you are planning to reduce irrigated acreage substantially. The Bulletin 160 water plan upper number is 800 thousand AF, much of which is in the Colorado Desert and with large environmental consequences to the Salton Sea and in Mexico.

Regards,

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