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LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION
PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT EIS/EIR

Bonderson Building
901 P Street, Hearing Room 102A/B
Sacramento, California

Monday, March 23, 2009

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Contra Costa Water District

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Charles Gardiner - CirclePoint Project Manager

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CHARLES GARDINER: We'll convene the formal comment hearing.

If there is anybody who would like to submit comments -- we have not received any speaker cards so far. Is there anybody who plans to submit oral comments today?

(No response)

CHARLES GARDINER: Okay. This will be really quick then. So the open house is intended to help people understand the project, inform people about the project, and help them help you make comments on the environmental document. We do have a formal comment period at each one of these meetings.

Rick Woodley is here from the Bureau of Reclamation as the hearing officer. He's going to provide some context for the formal hearing part. But
if you do want to submit comments on the record, you do
need to do it in the formal comment period or provide
them in writing. So any conversations you've had with
the team members here are not part of the formal record
if you don't submit them.
So I think with that -- I don't think we have

anybody who has officially requested to speak -- I will
pass it over to Rick to formally open the comment
period.

RICK WOODLEY: Thanks, Charles.
I guess we can go on record.
Welcome to the public hearing on the Los
Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Draft
Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact
Report or Draft EIS/EIR. This is one of five hearings
being held in accordance with the requirements of the
National Environmental Policy Act.
My name is Rick Woodley. I'm the regional
resources manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's
Mid-Pacific Region. I'll be serving as the hearing
officer, and a court reporter is recording these
proceedings.
At the table with me is Ms. Sharon McHale, the project manager from the Bureau of Reclamation, and Ms. Marguerite Naillon, project manager with the Contra Costa Water District.

Today we're accepting verbal and written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR. To provide verbal comments, you should have completed a speaker's card, one of these (indicating).

Since no one has submitted one, we can move on from there. If you have not completed a speaker's card, you can go to the registrations table at any time. If you completed a speaker card and didn't turn it in at the registration table, you can take it there right away.

You may also provide written comments today on one of the yellow sheets. And they're available at the registration table. If somebody was going to be speaking from the written comments and would like to submit them, you can tear off the top portion of the card and attach it to your comments and provide them before you leave.

Written comments can be submitted at this
hearing or to the address, fax, or e-mail indicated on the comment card. You need to submit your comments by the close of business, 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009.

Please understand that written and verbal comments receive equal consideration.

Now just a moment as to what happens next in the process. All of the comments will be reviewed and responses to comments will be prepared. Assuming all major issues can be addressed, a final EIS/EIR will be prepared which will include the responses to the comments. The Final EIS/EIR will be circulated for a 30-day review, after which Reclamation will make a decision on the project.

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Today, if we were to go through the speakers -- and since we don't have any speakers, I'll forgo that process. If we do happen to get people to
show up within the next hour who are interested in speaking, we'll go ahead and allow them to do so. Beyond that point, I think at this point we can go off the record unless there's anybody that was interested in speaking at this stage.

We're available for the next hour. Anybody who shows up and decides that they would like to speak, we'll go back on the record and record their comments and go from there.

So absent that, we can go back off the record.

(Recess taken)

RICK WOODLEY: We'll go back on the record at this point.

And since we're now out of time -- it's 3:30 Pacific time, and we've had no requests to speak, so we'll go ahead and close the proceedings.

See everybody in Dublin.

(The proceedings concluded at 3:30 p.m.)
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) ss.  
COUNTY OF MARIN  

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Dated the 1st day of April, 2009.

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CSR NO. 12948
LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION
PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT EIS/EIR

Zone 7 Water Agency
100 North Canyon Parkway, Board Room
Livermore, California
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PUBLIC OUTREACH:

Charles Gardiner - CirclePoint Project Manager
Tuesday, March 24, 2009 7:28 o'clock p.m.

CHARLES GARDINER: Thank you very much for coming. We're happy you're here. I hope you had a chance to see all the boards and talk to the team, learn about the project.

We've done the informal part to help you understand the project so you can provide informed comments. We can answer questions that way. But we also have the formal comment period to get your comments on the record. So if you're thinking that talking to the team members would get comments onto the record, that's not the case. We need to hear your comments if you have oral comments today. We need to formally get them on the record.

You can also provide written comments with a comment sheet or submit your own written comments. So we're going to convene the formal hearing part of this.
So far, we don't have anybody who's submitted a speaker card. So is there anybody who is interested in making comments at this point?

(No response)

CHARLES GARDINER: This is going to be really easy then. But we do have to go kind of through these formalities. And then we can close the formal hearing and go back and talk more, if you want to talk more to the team, and submit comments later.

So I'll turn it over to Rick Woodley, who will do the formal part of the hearing.

RICK WOODLEY: Thanks, Charles.

We can go on the record now.

Hello. Welcome to the public hearing on the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Environmental Impact Report, otherwise known as the Draft EIS/EIR. This is one of five hearings being held in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

My name is Rick Woodley, and I am the Regional Resources Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region. I am serving as the hearing
officer, and a court reporter is recording the proceedings.

At the table with me is Ms. Sharon McHale, Project Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation, and Ms. Marguerite Naillon, Project Manager with the Contra Costa Water District.

Today we are accepting verbal and written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR. To provide verbal comments, you should have completed a speaker's card.

If you've not completed one, as Charles has indicated, you can go ahead and pick one up. You just need to indicate that you would like to speak.

You may also provide written comments today on one of these yellow sheets by filling out the comment card which is available at the registration desk if you haven't already picked up one. If you're speaking from anybody who is speaking, they can submit them to us, but you can submit them with a comment card and attach your comments and provide them before you leave.

Written comments can be submitted at this hearing or to the address, fax, or e-mail indicated on the comment card. You need to submit your comments by
the close of business 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009. Please understand that written and verbal comments receive equal consideration.

Let me take a moment to explain the process. All the comments will be reviewed, and responses to comments will be prepared. Assuming all major issues can be addressed, a Final EIS/EIR will be prepared which will include responses to the comments. The Final EIS/EIR will be circulated for a 30-day review, after which Reclamation will make a decision on the project. A record of the decision will then be prepared to document that decision. The CCWD board of directors will consider certifying the Final EIS/EIR under CEQA and approving the project following this review period.

Again, if you wish to provide comments but have not submitted a speaker card, please go to the registration table immediately. Since we have no comments or anybody that indicated they wanted to make verbal comments, we can go off record now. Just indicate that any time or anybody else that shows up that would like to make comments or if you've
reconsidered, we'll go back on the record and take your comments at that time. So we can go off the record now. We'll be here until 8:30. (Recess taken)

RICK WOODLEY: I guess we can go back on the record now. So since we've received no further requests for comment or any request for comment for that matter, the clock showing 8:30, we'll bring this meeting to -- or hearing to a close and call it a night. We can go off record. (The proceedings concluded at 8:30 p.m.)

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PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT EIS/EIR

DUBLIN–SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT

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Thursday, March 26, 2009                      7:29 p.m.

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MR. WOODLEY: Thank-you. On the record.

Hello. Welcome to the public hearing on the
Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project, Draft
Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact
Report (Draft EIS/EIR).

This is one of five hearings being held in
accordance with the requirements of the National
Environmental Policy Act.

My name is Rick Woodley. And I am the regional
resources manager with the Bureau of Reclamation's
mid-pacific region. I will be serving as the hearing
officer, and a court reporter is recording these
proceedings.

At the table with me is Ms. Sharon McHale, project
manager with the Bureau of Reclamation. And then to her
right is Ms. Marguerite Naillon, project manager for
Contra Costa Water District.

Today we're accepting verbal and written comments
on the draft EIS/EIR. To provide verbal comment you
should have completed a speaker's card, one just like
this.

If you've not completed a speaker's card, please go
to the registration table. If you've completed a
speaker's card but didn't turn it in at the registration table, take it there right away and we'll add you to list.

You may provide written comments today on the yellow comment card by filling out the comment card, which is also available at the registration table.

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The final EIS/EIR will be circulated for a 30-day review after which Reclamation will make a decision upon the project. A record of decision will then be prepared to document that decision.
The CCWD board of directors will consider certifying the final EIS/EIR under CEQA and approving a project following this review period.

Now, today, we only have one speaker. So what I will do is call our speaker to the front. And we normally put a time limit on our speakers, we have one hour for comments, so I'll forego any time limits such as that unless we end up with other speakers who decide they want to come up.

When you're called, please clearly state your name and affiliation into the microphone and spell your first and last name for the court reporter.

Please remember this is a formal hearing and the court reporter is recording your comments. Please speak clearly so your comments can be captured accurately. And if necessary, I can indicate if time is up.

So we don't have any elected officials who have indicated they want to speak. So, again, anybody who wants to provide comments and have not submitted a speaker card, please go to the registration table immediately and we can get you on the list.

With that, I call Mr. Steven Eng, and let you make your comments.

MR. ENG: Thank-you. It won't be an hour. Thanks for hearing me out.
My name is Steven Eng. It's spelled S-T-E-V-E-N, last name is spelled E-N-G.

I represent myself, but I'm also a member of the Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay and East Bay Area Trails Council.

And I am here to ask you guys to consider expanding your trails for multi-use, mainly so we bikers, equestrians and hikers can use the area around the reservoir.

I know after you complete the expansion, you will restore the trail network and not so we don't lose any recreational opportunities, but you also have an opportunity to consider maybe doing some more trails that more people can use, specifically, you know, that are assessable to bikes.

Lots of trails are there right now, but a lot of them are actually not available to bikes, and you guys have an opportunity to change that. I know you guys support biking because I just got a mailer from an organization saying that you sponsor a time trial road race at the reservoir. So maybe you guys can do a little more trails for mountain biking, also.

Thank-you.

MR. WOODLEY: Thank-you.

Unless there's somebody who's reconsidered and
decided that they want to speak at this point, we'll be here until 8:30 this evening to take comments.

At this point in time, I suggest we can go off the record and allow people to continue to review the project and such.

And so we can go off the record. And if we end up with additional speakers, or somebody shows up and then wants to speak or somebody has reconsidered, then we'll go back on the record and take your comments and then finish up.

We'll go off the record.

(Recess taken.) (7:35-8:30)

MR. WOODLEY: We can go back on the record for just a moment.

We've had no more requests for speakers and such and it looks like by the clock that we can go ahead and close out this proceeding, and call it to a close.

(Whereupon, the hearing adjourned At 8:31 p.m.)
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PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT EIS/EIR

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Charles Gardiner - CirclePoint Project Manager

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CHARLES GARDINER: Folks, we're going to convene the formal hearing part of this meeting.

Okay. Thank you very much for coming, everyone. We're glad you're here. This is the fourth of five meetings that we've had -- we're having on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Environmental Impact Report for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion.

We've divided the meeting into two parts. You've just been enjoying the first part, which is informal time to meet the project team and learn about the project. We thought that was the best way for you to get questions answered and understand what this project is all about and ideally help inform comments that you may provide on that document.

So far we've received two cards from people who would like to speak and provide comments tonight.
So in a moment, we will convene the formal portion to get those comments on the record.

Before I do that, I should mention that, if you've been making comments to the project team, they have not been recording them. So those are not officially on the record. So if you'd like to be officially on the record as formally submitting a comment, you need to fill out a blue speaker card. If you don't have one, stick your hand up and we'll get you one so you can speak.

So I think with two people, we probably won't take too long to finish the formal comments, and then we'll break, and we can go back to talk at the stations if you want to learn more.

There are lots of other ways to provide comments in writing, which Pete Lucero will go through in a minute.

So with that, I'm going to turn it over to Pete, who is the hearing officer.

PETE LUCERO: Good afternoon, good evening. My name is Pete Lucero. I'd like to welcome you to the public hearing on the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.
Can everyone hear me fine?

Thank you.

Again, my name is Pete Lucero, and I'm the public affairs officer for the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific region. I'll be serving as the hearing officer, and a court reporter is recording the proceedings.

At the table with me is Ms. Sharon McHale, Project Manager from Bureau of Reclamation, and Ms. Marguerite Naillon, Project Manager with the Contra Costa Water District.

Today we're accepting written and verbal comments on the Draft EIS/EIR. To provide verbal comments, you should have completed a speaker's card, which looks like this (indicating). And if you have not completed one, please go to the registration table and complete one now. If you have completed a
speaker's card but didn't turn it in at the registration table, please take it there at this time. You may also provide written comments today, and that is this yellow paper -- looks like this (indicating). Fill out this comment card, and that's available also at the registration table. If you're speaking from your written comments tonight and would like to submit them to us, please fill out the top portion of the comment card, attach your comments, and provide them before you leave.

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circulated for a 30-day review, after which Reclamation will make a decision on the project. A record of decision will then be prepared to document that decision.

The CCWD board of directors will consider certifying the final EIS/EIR under the CEQA and approving the project following this review period. Today we'll proceed in this manner. I will call speakers to the front in the order you signed up. If I call your name and you are not present, you will be moved to the end of the speakers list, all two of you. Since we have only two people signed up and about an hour to comment, I'll give you as much time as you need up to a half hour per person.

If you have extensive comments, they should be submitted in writing. When it's your turn, please clearly state your name and affiliation into the microphone and spell your first and last names. Please remember this is a formal hearing and a court reporter is recording your comments. Please speak clearly so your comments can be captured accurately.

I will be the time keeper and will indicate...
when your 30 minutes are up.

And again, if you wish to provide comments but have not submitted a speaker card, please go to the registration table immediately. And with that, I think we're ready to start.

First two speakers we have is Ms. Ann Farrell and Mr. Bruce Ohlson.

Ms. Farrell, would you please step up.

ANN FARRELL: I will be providing a written version.

I am Ann Farrell, Director of Engineering for Central Contra Costa Sanitary District. We treat the wastewater for the Central County portion of the Contra Costa Water District Service Area. Our mission is to protect the public health and the environment by collecting and treating wastewater, promoting pollution prevention and recycling high quality water.

I'm here tonight to speak about the highly treated recycled water from our treatment facility and the role it could play in increasing the yield of any Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project. We currently discharge 40 million gallons per day of treated
wastewater to the Suisun Bay, a tidal estuary that forms the entrance to the Delta. This is enough water to serve about 250,000 people or 100,000 homes.

In the early 1970s, facilities were constructed to supply recycled water from our treatment facility in Martinez, which is located at the intersection of the 4 and 680 freeways, to the nearby Shell and Tesoro refineries also in Martinez. Those facilities, although unused since the '70s, still exist and could supply the refineries with up to 20 million gallons per day of our effluent with some additional treatment. This would free up 20 million gallons of fresh water, enough to serve the entire city of Concord including the proposed development at the Concord Naval Weapons Station or to provide significant environmental benefits by leaving that water in the Delta. A flyer describing this project will be submitted with my testimony.

For the last 15 years, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District has been actively lobbying the Contra Water District to serve recycled water to the refineries and free up potable water supplies for other
uses such as water supply reliability and environmental water. CCWD has maintained that the financial cost to their rate payers was too great due to the lost revenues from refineries.

So when we at CCCSD first learned of the proposal to expand Los Vaqueros and the concept of inviting other partners in, including the Bureau of Reclamation and some other South Bay water users, such as Santa Clara Valley Water District, we thought this would be the perfect opportunity to incorporate the refinery recycled water project as a component of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion, as it would have similar benefits. The annual yield of 22,000 acre feet per year of raw water freed up by the refinery project could be used to fill Los Vaqueros Reservoir and reduce the diversion from the Delta; it could be transferred to other project participants; or it could be released upstream for environmental enhancement.

The participation of the outside partners provided the opportunity to obtain outside funding to offset Contra Costa Water District's revenue loss. We submitted a letter to Contra Costa Water District and CALFED in August 2003 requesting that recycled water be included in the Los Vaqueros Expansion studies. I will
provide copies for your information.

Now, more than five years later, we are greatly disappointed to find that recycled water has been dismissed in the environmental documents. There are few potential recycled water projects in the State of California with the potential for generating yield of 22,000 acre feet per year on a continuous year-in-and-year-out basis.

The Los Vaqueros Expansion Alternatives themselves, in reading the EIR, claim benefits of a maximum of 3,000 acre feet per year during a six-year drought for Contra Costa Water District water supply reliability.

A recycled water component to supply the refineries would increase the yield in the expansion alternatives by 22,000 acre feet per year. If this yield were used to benefit Contra Costa water supply reliability, it would have more than seven times the benefit of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion. Alternatively, this additional yield could be used to supplement the environmental water management benefits of the Reservoir Expansion.

In summary, water is a valuable resource and we must use it wisely. As a public agency with a mission to protect the public health and the
environment, we must respectfully request that the Los
Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion environmental
documentation incorporates the supply of recycled water
to the Shell and Tesoro refineries in Martinez as a
component of each and every Expansion alternative.

Thank you.

PETE LUCERO:  Thank you, Ms. Farrell.

Mr. Ohlson, please step up. Thank you.

BRUCE OHLSON:  Good evening, Hearing Director and
Project Managers. My name is Bruce Ohlson. I'm a
citizen of Pittsburg. I'm a member of the board of
directors of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, and I'm on
the advocacy committee of the Delta Pedalers Bicycle
Club. I also want to disclose that I'm on the Planning
Commission for the City of Pittsburg, but tonight I'm
speaking for the bicyclists.

We respectfully request and suggest that it
would be eminently reasonable to be able to bicycle on
a trail from the north paved public access to the south
paved public access. That would be a very small
mitigation to include. It wouldn't cost a whole lot.

I'm here tonight requesting this because the
Water District tends to not like bicyclists. And we have -- our current rules do not allow bicycling in most of the watershed, and we respectfully request the permission -- the construction of a trail from one end to the other -- not expensive. And if you allow any vehicles anywhere in the watershed or cattle anywhere in the watershed, it certainly wouldn't hurt to allow a bicyclist or two in there.

Thank you very much.

PETE LUCERO: Thank you, Mr. Ohlson.

Are there any speakers who have not turned in or filled out a blue card who would like to?

(No response)

PETE LUCERO: In that case, we'll go off the record, and we will re-adjourn at the end of the hour in order to make sure we have closed out this hearing officially.

Do you have another speaker? Oh.

Okay. We're off the record. Thank you.

(Recess taken)

PETE LUCERO: On the record. We are at the end of
the official hearing time. If there are no more blue cards or no more speakers -- that was a question by the way. No? Didn't sound like one, but it was.

So on behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation and Contra Costa Water District, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to attend this hearing, providing your

comments. Please remember, if you still plan to provide written comments, they must be received by close of business at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009.

This closes this hearing on the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Draft EIS/EIR. We are adjourned.

(The proceedings concluded at 8:30 p.m.)
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  ) ss.
COUNTY OF MARIN  )

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interested in the outcome of the cause named in said caption.

Dated the 1st day of April, 2009.

DEBORAH FUQUA
CSR NO. 12948
LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION

PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT EIS/EIR

Iron House Elementary School
5180 Frank Hagley Drive, Multi-Purpose Room
Oakley, California

Thursday, April 2, 2009

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Contra Costa Water District

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Charles Gardiner - Project Manager, CirclePoint

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SPEAKER PAGE NO.

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ALSO PRESENT: Terri Gillen, Representing Congresswoman
Charles Gardiner: Thanks very much for coming.
We're happy you're here. This is the last of our five
class meetings on the Draft Environmental Document for
the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion.

What we're going to do now is convene the
formal public hearing portion of the meeting. We've
set it up this way with information here so that you
can come and learn about the project, ideally inform
your comments on the environmental document.

So far we only have one person who's indicated
that they want to speak. If anybody who does want to
speak could fill out a speaker card, we'd be happy to
take it. So we're going to convene the hearing
formally, take that comment, and then we can go back to
the informal part of our meeting.

So if you've been talking to the project team,
hopefully you've been getting some information. But if you have been providing comments to them, ideas or thoughts, those won't be on the record. So if you want to be on the record, we're going to go on the record a second, and you can make some comments.

So with that, I'm going to pass it over to Pete, who is going to formally convene us.

PETE LUCERO: Good evening. My name is Pete Lucero. I'd like to welcome you to this public hearing on the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, called the Draft EIS/EIR. This is the last of five hearings being held in accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

And again, my name is Pete Lucero. I am the Public Affairs Officer for the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region. And I'll be serving as a hearing officer tonight. And a court reporter is recording the proceedings.

Here with me on stage is Ms. Sharon McHale, the Project Manager from Bureau of Reclamation, and Ms. Marguerite Naillon, the Project Manager from Contra
Costa Water District.

Today we're accepting verbal and written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR. To provide verbal comments, you should have submitted a speaker's card. That's this blue card. If you've not completed one, please go to the registration table. If you did complete a speaker's card but didn't turn it in at the registration table, please take it there right away.

You may also provide written comments today on this yellow sheet of paper, which is available also at the registration table.

If you're speaking from your written comments and would like to submit them to us, please fill out the top portion of the comment card, attach your comments and provide them before you leave.

Written comments maybe submitted at this hearing or to the address, fax, or e-mail indicated on the comment card. You need to submit your comments by close of business at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009. Please understand that written and verbal comments receive equal consideration.

Now I want to take a moment to explain what
happens next with this process. All the comments will be reviewed, and responses to comments will be prepared. Assuming all major issues can be addressed, a Final EIS/EIR will be prepared which will include the responses to the comments. The Final EIS/EIR will be circulated for a 30-day review after which Reclamation will make a decision on the project. A record of decision will then be prepared to document that decision. The Contra Costa Water District board of directors will consider certifying the Final EIS/EIR under CEQA and approving the project following this review period.

Today we'll proceed in this manner. I'll call the speakers to the front in the order you signed up, which, thankfully, is one. And if I call your name and you aren't present, you'll be moved to the end of the speaker's list -- which is kind of circular logic.

Since we have one person signed up to comment and we have one hour to make those comments, you'll have as much time as you need to make your comments, sir. If you decide to go past the hour, you can submit your comments in writing. When it is your turn, sir,
if you please state your name, your affiliation, spell your name and -- your first and your last names. And please remember this is a formal hearing and a court reporter is recording your comments.

Please speak clearly so your comments can be captured accurately. And I'll be the time keeper, giving you your full hour if you need it, sir.

We do have with us today Mr. Paul Adler, who is representing the Contra Costa County Supervisor Federal Glover.

Welcome. Thank you very much for coming. And with that, Mr. Veitch, please come up and make your comments.

BILL VEITCH: Bill Veitch, V-E-I-T-C-H, Contra Costa Farm Bureau. My question was, what effect will

the peripheral canal have on water quantity and quality for the reservoir?

PETE LUCERO: Mr. Veitch, thank you very much for your question. It has been written into the record, and we will consider -- you will see an answer to that question in response to the comments in the final document.
If there are no other questions -- anybody want to make another comment or question? Then what we'll do now is, based on that, we've still got to stay in the room until 8:30. What we'll do is go off the record now, and then we'll re-adjourn at the end of the hour unless someone else wants to speak.

So with that, we're in recess. Thank you.

(Recess taken)

PETE LUCERO: So we're on the record.

Are there any other speakers?

(No response)

PETE LUCERO: No?

On behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Contra Costa Water District, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to attend this hearing to provide your comments. Please remember that, if you still plan to provide written comments, they must be received by, close of business, 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009.

This closes this hearing on the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Draft EIS/EIR. Thank you. We are adjourned.
(The proceedings concluded at 8:30 p.m.)
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I, DEBORAH FUQUA, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of the State of California, duly authorized to administer oaths pursuant to Section 8211 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings were reported by me, a disinterested person, and thereafter transcribed under my direction into typewriting and is a true and correct transcription of said proceedings.

I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for either or any of the parties in the foregoing proceeding and caption named, nor in any way interested in the outcome of the cause named in said caption.

Dated the 6th day of April, 2009.

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