In response to the request below, Contra Costa Water District agrees with the proposal to have panels on specific subjects in which panelists would be given a few minutes to summarize their exhibits and would then respond to questions from the Board and Board staff.

CCWD agrees with the proposal that, following the submission of testimony, parties should be given the opportunity to review the submissions and submit prioritized questions to the Board and Board staff that can subsequently be directed to the panels. CCWD also agrees with the proposal to allow additional information to be submitted that will help further the information gathering.

With respect to information panels, CCWD suggests the following will be of importance:

- Historical and recent flows in the Delta
- Historical and recent salinity in the Delta
- Water quality other than salinity
- Relationships between flows, salinity and aquatic organism behavior, population levels and mortality
- Flow and water quality requirements for delta smelt and longfin smelt
- Flow and water quality requirements for salmonids
- Flow and water quality requirements for other pelagic organisms
- Flow and water quality and their relationship to invasive species
- Flow and water quality and their relationships to food webs

CCWD expects to have evidence and participate on the following panels:

- Historical and recent flows in the Delta
- Historical and recent salinity in the Delta
- Relationships between flows, salinity and aquatic organism behavior, population levels and mortality
- Flow and water quality requirements for delta smelt and longfin smelt
- Flow and water quality and their relationship to invasive species

Thank you for your consideration of CCWD's views on this issue.

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