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Subject: Comments on Informal Public Review Period: Staff Draft Regulations and Guidelines for Public Benefits
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My name is Dale [Redacted] of Redding, CA and I am submitting the following comments of the Staff Draft Regulations and Guidelines for Public Benefits:

§zzQuantification of Public Benefits

Section 79743 of the Water Code identifies five types of public benefits eligible for public funding under the Act
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(1)
Ecosystem improvements, including changing the timing of water diversions, improvement in flow conditions, temperature, or other benefits that contribute to restoration of aquatic ecosystems and native fish and wildlife, including those ecosystems and fish and wildlife in the Delta.

(A) remove the word "restoration" - replace it with "improvement"

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(2)
Water quality changes that contribute to restoration of aquatic ecosystems and native fish and wildlife, including those ecosystems and fish and wildlife in the Delta, are classified as ecosystem improvement benefits. Any other benefits from water quality improvements may be considered water quality benefits under this section;

(B) remove the word "restoration" - replace it with "improvement"

(4) Protect or restore functional habitat types;

(C) remove the word "restore" - replace it with "improve"

(b) Water Quality Priorities

(5)
Result in Delta tributary stream flows that more closely mimic natural hydrograph patterns or other flow regimes that have been demonstrated to improve conditions for aquatic life;

(D) remove the highlighted section entirely "more closely mimic natural hydrograph
patterns or other flow regimes that"

Please respond to my comments as submitted.

Thank you

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