



NCWA
Northern California Water Association

*To advance the economic, social and environmental sustainability of Northern California
by enhancing and preserving the water rights, supplies and water quality.*

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Re: Comments on Ecosystem Improvements Guidelines

Dear Juliana:

The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the public benefits draft document discussed at the May 4th Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting. NCWA is committed to advance the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the Sacramento Valley by enhancing and preserving its water rights, supplies, and water quality for the rich mosaic of farmlands, refuges and managed wetlands, meandering rivers that support fisheries and wildlife, and cities and rural communities in the region.

My comments in this letter are specific to the Ecosystem Improvements section of the public benefits document. In particular, NCWA supports and concurs with the comments submitted by Ducks Unlimited, Audubon California, Point Blue Conservation Science, Grasslands Water District, The Nature Conservancy and California Waterfowl Association regarding this document.

It would provide considerable benefit to the Pacific Flyway and the species that use it if water supplies to maintain wetland and wildlife refuge habitat and private land management activities were included in the definition of public benefits eligible for Proposition 1 storage project funding.

Sincerely,

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