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A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 habitat. The riparian habitat along the Sacramento  
2 River is some of the most healthiest in the State. I've  
3 run a lot of rivers in the State. I can tell you that  
4 Sacramento River remains one of the few rivers that  
5 looks natural, and it's because it has sufficient flows,  
6 despite hosting the largest dam and reservoir in  
7 California -- in Shasta Dam Reservoir. There are  
8 sufficient flows from tributaries to provide for erosion  
9 and deposition of sands and that cre -- recreate  
10 riparian habitat over the years, and henna (phonetic)  
11 and riparian habitats a number of rare and endangered  
12 and threatened wildlife species, and I can find nothing  
13 in this document so far that reflects any substantial  
14 assessment of impacts on this -- from this Project. So  
15 I would urge you to do that.

16 Secondly, I would urge you to extend the  
17 comment deadline, because this is a huge document,  
18 released just before the holidays, and it just is  
19 important for the -- give the public the time they need  
20 to review and comment on it. Thank you.

21 SARA KATZ: Thank you, Steve, very much.

22 Our next question is from Isaac Kinney --  
23 Kinney. Isaac, if you could please unmute yourself.

24 ISAAC KINNEY: (Spoken in Yurok dialect) Isaac  
25 Kinney, with (spoken in Yurok dialect.)

1                   Hello. My name is Isaac Kinney. I'm the CEO  
2 of Watershed Regenerative Adventures. I'm calling as a  
3 business owner, in California, Californian new business  
4 owner, just reminding, the State of California has  
5 contributed to the genocide of California Indians. So  
6 me being here, as a business owner, is a huge testimony.  
7 I also want to oppose this project. Using Prop 1  
8 funding on this project so far does not show the public  
9 benefit. This project is unstable, obsolete  
10 infrastructure, using unstable, obsolete mechanisms to  
11 pay for it, as well as unstable ways of looking and  
12 analyzing.

13                   Being -- you know, trying to move the money  
14 before the environmental document is done is very  
15 disrespectful to the tribal engagement that's been going  
16 on -- the lack of tribal engagement that's been going  
17 on. The ability and -- and because of the use and how  
18 much this project depends on the State water project,  
19 all tribes included along the tributaries of the State  
20 water project need to be included. This project also  
21 will contribute to the detriment and to the extinction  
22 of California salmon and the markets that come with  
23 them.

24                   I also want to, again, make sure that you do  
25 extend the comment deadline for this project. Being

1 that it's being rushed is super unstable, obsolete way  
2 of doing things, and we need to change that. Being able  
3 to give the comment -- extend the comment period gives  
4 tribes a chance to understand what all the ramifications  
5 are, what happens when you flood a whole village site,  
6 when you take these resources away for generations.  
7 That's what has not been addressed in the EIR/EIS yet  
8 and needs to be addressed is the way cultural resources  
9 will be protected when you flood and create a new  
10 ecological ecosystem. This is a --

11 SARA KATZ: Thank you, Isaac.

12 ISAAC KINNEY: -- again, a place that we  
13 cannot --

14 SARA KATZ: Thank you for your comment.

15 ISAAC KINNEY: This is a place we cannot keep  
16 on doing business as usual. This --

17 SARA KATZ: Thank you, Isaac.

18 Our next speaker will be Regina Chichizola.  
19 If you could please unmute yourself.

20 REGINA CHICHIZOLA: Hi. Thank you -- that is  
21 my child. Sorry.

22 Hi. My name is Regina Chichizola, and I am  
23 the Co-Director of Save California Salmon. I wanted to  
24 say that I feel like this EIR and EIS includes a lot of  
25 assumptions that are not proven in fact. And there's a