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A P P E A R A N C E S

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1           Our next speaker is Greg Reis.

2           Greg, if you could state your name, any  
3 organization you might be affiliated with. You're --  
4 you're on.

5           GREG REIS: Hi. My name's Greg, G-r-e-g,  
6 Reis, R-e-i-s. I'm with Advance Team, and we will be  
7 submitting written comments. However, I'll take this  
8 opportunity to point out one thing that will shorten our  
9 written comments by a line, since they'll be here. On  
10 page 2-39, under "emergency release," the word  
11 "velocity" is incorrectly used to describe the flow  
12 rates. It -- that's -- the word "flow" should be used  
13 instead of "velocity."

14           And then the -- the other thing I'll take this  
15 opportunity to -- to respond to is Ali's answer to my  
16 question earlier, about the water quality control plan,  
17 and she mentioned unimpaired flow. It's actually  
18 percentage of unimpaired flow that the Water Board is  
19 planning to implement. And I believe the -- the  
20 55 percent -- 45 to 65 percent range is what -- what  
21 they were planning. And the uncertainty she mentioned  
22 within that range, it does seem like there could be an  
23 alternative that would -- would get something from that  
24 range. It -- and it will go to our comments on -- that  
25 there is an inadequate range of alternatives in the EIR.

1           And the other -- the other thing Ali mentioned  
2   is the -- that the others would take the water Sites was  
3   the only one following an approach like that if -- if  
4   the water rights [inaudible] were not to [inaudible].  
5   And that's not -- doesn't seem to be true, since Sites  
6   was last in line with junior water rights. It's really  
7   the -- the inflow of the San Francisco Bay that the --  
8   with the increased if Sites were to decrease its  
9   diversions during the peak flow times of the year. So,  
10  anyway, we'll -- we'll submit the written comments, and  
11  that's all for now.

12           SARA KATZ: Thank you, Greg.

13           Our next speaker is Garbin. And if you could  
14  state your name, proper spelling, any organization, and  
15  you can allow -- you can unmute yourself now. Garbin?  
16  Garbin, it seems to indicate you're unmuted, if you  
17  would like to speak.

18           GARBIN: Can you hear me?

19           SARA KATZ: We can, yes, thank you.

20           GARBIN: Oh, okay. Yeah. Just, put in --  
21  taking public water and putting it into a private  
22  aquafer -- a public -- a private dam to grow rice and  
23  other -- other crops that shouldn't be grown in the  
24  middle of the desert seems pretty stupid, and it seems  
25  like we're prioritizing -- prioritizing one industry