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Fish/R2

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Sacramento River
Sacramento Co.
Colony

Maxwell Irrigation District
35 Oak Street
Maxwell, California 95955

Dear Sirs:

The Department of Fish and Game has reviewed the Initial Study Negative Declaration, Sacramento River Intake System and has the following comments.

The negative declaration is adequate provided the District modifies the commitment to protect the bank swallows on page 14 as follows:

- 4(b) If bank swallow nest sites are disturbed by this project, the District will make in-kind compensation by replacing the bank characteristics that presently exist on the nest site with similar conditions in the immediate project area. In addition, the District will monitor the compensation measures and, if needed in the future, create new nest sites to assure that the bank swallow colony is maintained at preproject levels.

We appreciate the District's willingness to work with our staff to protect the area's fish and wildlife values.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Jerry Mensch, Environmental Services Supervisor, telephone (916) 355-7030.

Sincerely,

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