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Comments on the "Draft Socioeconomic Assessment of Proposed Habitat Restoration within the Riparian Corridor of the Sacramento River Conservation Area."

The Study refers to the SB1086 law and The Scaramento River Conservation Area Handbook, but it does not use the same area. If the Department of Water Resources could figure the acres for the S.R.C.A. that information should have been available for use in this study.

As far as I could tell the study does not start at the beginning. The losses in Agriculture production from the farm land that has already been purchased under the SB1086 law are not included. This is only a study of estimated future losses of agriculture production on lands to be purchased in the future. This should be more clearly stated in the study.

You seem to be comparing the future losses to agriculture production to the benefits to recreation and fish and wildlife, which are from the whole area, not just the area to be purchased in the future.

On page 2-2 the study refers to the goal of the Sacramento River Conservation Area Handbook, " To Preserve remaining riparian habitat and reestablish a continuous riparian ecosystem along the Sacramento River between Redding and Chico And to reestablish riparian vegetation along the river from Chico to Verona;" Then on Page 5-2 the study assumed 29% (12,543 acres) of the land within the study area will remain in agriculture. This is an assumption that I believe local people would be very much in favor of, but it does not follow the S.R.C.A. Handbook. It seems like this stated goal of the Handbook would have to be changed for this 29% to remain in agriculture.

Costs related to increased recreation use, such as needed roads, trails, parking lots and facilities will have to be paid for by tax payers. Additional costs for law enforcement and fire protection and the \$187,800 that would be spent annually on monitoring will all have to be paid for by tax payers. Whether they are federal, state or local taxes a portion of these taxes will be paid by residents of the counties in the study area.

On page 5-4 the report states that, "The need to fund periodic infrastructure maintenance and repairs due to flooding will be reduced from current conditions, and the river will be allowed to develop a more natural process of erosion and deposition within the riparian corridor." This meandering river also has the possibility of increasing costs, by blocking irrigation pumps, causing problems with fish screens and filling up the delta with sediment causing increased flood protection costs for urban areas such as Sacramento.