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Comments/Questions: Dear Committee Members:

I attended many of your meetings over the past 20 months and tried to keep up with reading the white papers and documents you read with care. You've engaged in a monumental task and carried it out with affection, attentiveness, acumen and perhaps most important, humor. You've created a space where people and groups that heartily disagree with each other can come together and be heard. Thank you!

I only have a few comments, two related to a memo I prepared a few months ago for you about best practices regarding Integrated Water Resources Management.

First: In the memo and in meetings I've tried to suggest that, in keeping with international best practices for sustainable water management - which in part focus on enacting change at the appropriate scale - it would be important that regional dialogue include the question of whether we need a state water plan. Numerous states have adopted them or are in the process of adopting them; some of our own experts have called for dialogue about such a plan. Given that many state laws and policies affect our area, and that "new water sources" for now at least largely amount to the Colorado River in one way or another, it's vital that regional dialogue be placed in this wider state-wide context.

Second: I continue to think it's important that we seek out peer review, especially as regional dialogue proceeds, from outside, internationally-recognized experts who have experience creating regional, state and national water plans. This, in part, for the value of bringing in people removed from local dynamics; and in part, for the perspective they could offer, based on experience creating other plans.

Last: In future documents I think it's critical to emphasize at the outset why we need a new paradigm. We do, because this is a singular new moment when we face climate change, depleting aquifers and rivers, energy depletion and population growth and other factors all at once.

Good luck as you move forward and again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Madeline Kiser

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