

Salinas Valley Water Coalition



P.O. Drawer 2670 • Greenfield, CA 93927
(831) 674-3783 • FAX (831) 674-3835

Supervisor Dave Potter, Chair
Monterey County Board of Supervisors
240 Church Street
Salinas, Ca 93901

4 June, 2002

Dear Chairman Potter and Members of the Board;

This letter is submitted to comment on Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Final EIR/EIS for the Salinas Valley Water Project. The Coalition has supported the Agency in its pursuit and development of a project that meets the stated goals of the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP). The implementation of these goals and the associated project must be cost effective, reasonable and hydrologically sound.

We have supported the development and implementation of the Project as proposed predicated on the several issues, questions, etc., being appropriately addressed. Toward this end, the Cost Allocation Committee is continuing to work through some remaining issues. The Salinas Valley Water Coalition, while supporting the development and implementation of the Project, respectfully reserves the right to withhold full support until all of these remaining issues are resolved. The manner in which they are resolved will be critical to the operation of the Project as proposed and to the community's acceptance of the Project.

The Community of the Salinas Valley must continue to work together to successfully implement the project that will provide a solution to our water problems and meet the long-term needs of the basin. We believe a Project can be constructed that will truly solve the water problems of the Valley.

Thank you,

Ralph Riva, Chair