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The Sierra Club concludes that the Draft EIR Pure Water Soquel Project is insufficient. River Water transfers are not given full analysis, and outdated pumping reduction goals are used when determining need. The EIR also inadequately analyzed energy use. Further, potential negative impacts from contaminants are not accounted for.

The alternatives section indicates that groundwater recovery will occur with no project. This indicates that the in-lieu strategy would have a larger effect than anticipated. Sharing adds system resilience at a potentially significantly lower cost. This possibility merits full study.

The Draft's Impact 4.6.1 reads, "The Project could use large amounts of fuel or energy in an unnecessary, wasteful, or inefficient manner." Yet no mitigation for this very large energy expenditure is offered.

It is not clear whether the project is able to address all contaminants.

Therefore, the project needs further environmental review before being further considered.

Sincerely,

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