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INTRODUCTION

This two-volume document includes public comments that were received by the WTA, both oral comments received during public hearing and written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and the Revised DEIR.

As described in Section 6 of the Final EIR (FEIR), the DEIR was released on August 26, 2002 and a public comment period was initially open until October 31, 2002. It was later extended to January 30, 2003. The Draft Implementation and Operations Plan (IOP) was submitted to the Legislature on December 12, 2002. The public comment period was open until October 31, 2002. During the public comment period, two public hearings were held on the DEIR and nine on the IOP. The hearings were another chance for members of the public to learn more about the program and to comment on the two documents.

Volume 1 contains Section 1, "Public Comments," which includes copies of all comment letters received by the WTA and transcripts from the public meetings. Each comment letter is assigned a number (such as EIR-1) based on the order in which it was received.

Volume 2 contains Section 2, "Public Comment Summaries," and Section 3, "Comment Responses." Section 2 includes summaries of all comments and indicates where the response for each comment or part of a comment can be found in Section 3. Section 3 includes the responses arranged by section. For example, responses to Air Quality comments can be found in the Air Quality Response Section and are labeled "AIR-1," "AIR-2," etc.