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[Title] [Last Name]
[Tribe]
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Dear [Title] [Last Name],

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Division of Flood Management (DFM) proposes to develop a Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (SPEIR) to accompany 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan Update (CVFPP). The SPEIR will function as a supplement to the 2012 Program Environmental Impact Report detailing additional and updated information to the project area of the CVFPP http://www.water.ca.gov/cvfmp/docs/2012_CVFPP_FullDocumentHighRes_20111230.pdf. The extended systemwide planning area encompasses the areas within the Sacramento and San Joaquin River systems (Exhibit 1). The CVFPP is the document used to guide state participation, and influence federal and local participation in managing flood risk along the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River systems. The CVFPP proposes a systemwide investment approach for sustainable, integrated flood management in the aforementioned areas.

At the present time, DWR is preparing a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the SPEIR. A public scoping meeting within the project area will be held, with details to follow. Please contact the DWR Tribal Advisor at tribalpolicyadvisor@water.ca.gov or Michele Ng, P.E. at Michele.Ng@water.ca.gov for further information on scoping meetings and comment period.

If your tribe would like to participate in formal consultation with DWR, please notify the undersigned, in writing, within 30 calendar days of the receipt of this formal notice. Once DWR receives your written request, the undersigned will contact you within 30 calendar days from receipt of your written request, to begin the consultation process coordinated through the DWR Tribal Advisor.

If DWR does not receive a written request within 30 calendar days, DWR will not begin the consultation process under Pub. Resources Code, section 21080.3.1, Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52). However, DWR is committed to consult with your tribe under the Natural Resources Agency's Final Tribal Consultation Policy adopted November 12, 2012 in response to Governor Brown's September 19, 2011 Executive Order B-10-11. Please note that this notification "...does not limit the ability of [name of tribe] to submit information to DWR regarding the significance of the tribal cultural resources, the significance of the proposed project's impact on tribal cultural resources, or any appropriate measures to mitigate the impact." (Pub. Resources Code, section 21080.3.2, subd. (c)(1).)

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Anecita Agustinez at 916-653-8726 or by email at tribalpolicyadvisor@water.ca.gov. Please also feel free to contact me directly at 916-574-2371 or by email at Michele.Ng@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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