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Mr. Mark W. Cowin
Director
Department of Water Resources
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1115-1
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Review of the Coordinated Operations Agreement (COA)

Dear Director Cowin:

This letter memorializes the commitment of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to review the "Agreement Between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources for Coordinated Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project," commonly referred to as the "COA."

The review will follow the procedure outlined in Article 14(a) of the COA, which provides that, when conducting the review:

The parties shall (1) compare the relative success which each party has had in meeting its objectives, (2) review operation studies supporting this agreement, including, but not limited to, the assumptions contained therein, and (3) assess the influences of the factors and procedures of Article 6 in meeting each party's future objectives. The parties shall agree upon revisions, if any, of the factors and procedures in Article 6, Exhibits B and D, and the Operation Study used to develop Exhibit B.

To further undertake those actions in addition to seven COA review meetings already convened by Reclamation and DWR since August of 2015, Reclamation and DWR have agreed to meetings on July 25, 2016, August 16, 2016, September 13, 2016, October 18, 2016, November 15, 2016, and December 13, 2016. Reclamation and DWR have also agreed to re-evaluate this schedule at the October meeting to ensure the frequency and structure of the meetings are adequate to complete the review in a timely manner.

Thank you for committing to the process and for your willingness to dedicate the necessary staff to the review process.

Sincerely,

David G. Murillo
Regional Director