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United States Bureau of Reclamation
Commissioner Brenda Burman
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Dear Commissioner Burman:

At the outset I would like to thank you for the time and effort you have spent over the
last several months working hand in hand with me on California water. For many years
the Federal and State Water Projects have operated collaboratively, creatively, and
responsibly to serve California residents, fuel its economy, and protect its resources and
I believe that should continue as we move forward.

These efforts have served to promote the beneficial uses of California's water
resources, to further their common goals of improving water supply reliability in
California, and to further the protection, restoration, and enhancement of the
Sacramento River and San Joaquin River watersheds and Delta ecosystem. We must
continue to work together as we face additional challenges to managing California's
water supply, such as climate change.

Addressing California's water issues requires a suite of actions, each with independent
utility, but equally important to solving to California's unique circumstances. One such
piece is an Addendum to the Coordinated Operations Agreement. This Addendum,
which I have signed today, is only one action that we have committed to throughout our
discussions. As we move forward, I look to you to continue to honor your commitment
to work through continued development the remaining actions that include, coordination
on Reconsultation on Long Term Operations, investment in critical infrastructure,
commitment to continued work on the Voluntary Settlements for the Water Quality
Control Plan, and continued coordination in implementing the Water Infrastructure
Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. Each of these actions must ensure an
approach that enables compliance with state law.

While each of these actions have independent utility, from a policy perspective, they are
all necessary tools for the State and Federal governments to continue having a
productive partnership in managing our limited water resources.

Sincerely,

Karla A. Nemeth
Director