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VIA Electronic Mail

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Re: Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation

Dear Regional Director Murillo:

As I have recently discussed with your staff, the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority is interested in discussing with the United States Bureau of Reclamation the potential for sharing of costs associated with Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation (Shasta Dam and Reservoir Enlargement).

The CALFED Record of Decision, dated August 28, 2000, stated that expanding water storage capacity is critical to the successful implementation of all aspects of the CALFED Program. The CALFED Record of Decision identified five potential projects for further study that would increase water storage capacity, one of which was Shasta Dam and Reservoir Enlargement. The benefit of increased water storage, including through Shasta Dam and Reservoir enlargement, has been often recognized since the issuance of the 2000 CALFED Record of Decision, including by the California Legislature. The Water Authority concurs with the statements that recognize the significance of new storage. For that reason, the Water Authority is willing to consider becoming a local partner, entering into an MOU and ultimately a formal agreement for the sharing of costs for the Shasta Dam and Reservoir Enlargement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Regards,

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