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August 9, 2013

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Ms. Creedon,

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Regional Board and its staff that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will participate in the collective Delta mercury exposure reduction program (MERP) in the manner described below.

DWR has been a leader in examining mercury contamination in the Delta. In the Cache Creek Settling Basin, DWR has committed over \$4,000,000 to mercury characterization studies. Beginning in 2013-14, DWR will embark on control studies in the Delta as part of the Open Water and Nonpoint Source workgroups that will cost several million dollars more. To support these activities, DWR has created a dedicated Mercury section within its Division of Environmental Services.

Regional Board staff has requested, and DWR has agreed to provide, in-kind services consisting of professional graphic support that may include graphic design, production of brochures and posters, and fabrication of durable signs in satisfaction of DWR's proportional share of the MERP.

DWR's participation in the collective MERP process is based on the following factors:

- The collective MERP, including the workplan, will be developed and implemented over a period not to exceed six years (April 2014 through April 2020). DWR's participation in and commitment to this process covers this timeframe.
- In-kind services will be provided beginning in July 2014.
- DWR will not be individually responsible for any of the MERP activities other than the in-kind services unless DWR elects to assist with other activities.
- DWR's in-kind service commitment will not be increased during the six-year period from 2014 to 2020, even if other agencies do not contribute their proportional share toward the development and implementation of the MERP.

Our in-kind participation services have been discussed with your staff and constitute compliance with DWR's proportional share of the MERP.

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We look forward to working with the Regional Water Board staff and other stakeholders as the MERP is developed and implemented. Should you have any questions related to the MERP and our participation in this project, please contact Carol DiGiorgio of my staff at (916) 376-9743, or Carol.DiGiorgio@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean F. Messer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dean F. Messer, Chief

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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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