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Susan Fregien  
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Dear Ms. Susan Fregien:

#### DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR REGULATION OF MANAGED WETLANDS

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) wishes to express our support for the proposed Resolution to develop a strategy for managed wetlands and to revise the Tulare Lake Basin Orders. The Resolution proposes to remove the requirement for managed wetlands to participate in the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program for the Tulare Lake Basin Orders.

Thank you for your effort and leadership in working with the Department and members of the Managed Wetlands Workgroup. Significant progress in bringing recognition to the differences in potential water quality impacts between managed wetlands and irrigated agriculture have been made through the collective efforts of the Central Valley Water Board (Board) staff, the Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Tulare Basin Wetlands Association, Grassland Resource Conservation District, Ducks Unlimited, California Waterfowl Association, and other managed wetland stakeholders.

We look forward to working with you and other Board staff in the continued development of an appropriate regulatory strategy for managed wetlands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Cantrell".

Scott Cantrell  
Chief, Water Branch  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife