



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Dear Professor Rood:

PEER REVIEW OF DRAFT STAFF REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ROYAL MOUNTAIN KING MINE BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT, CALAVERAS COUNTY

Thank you for agreeing to review the section that discusses livestock health, particularly with respect to salinity tolerances in water, of the draft Staff Report for the proposed Royal Mountain King Mine Basin Plan amendment.

My letter today is intended to initiate the next phase of the external review – the actual review itself.

Included in this letter are the following:

- a) The 31 August 2012 request for external reviewers, including 3 attachments, signed by Ken Landau, Assistant Executive Officer;
- b) January 2009 Supplement to the Cal/EPA Peer Review Guidelines;
- c) Key documents for review;
- d) Key supporting documents, including all references in electronic format, on a CD. We will send you hardcopy versions of any of the documents, to be delivered by US Postal Service, at your request.

Comments on the foregoing:

1. You have been sent the request letter during the solicitation process for reviewer candidates conducted by the University of California.
2. Attachment 2 of the review-request letter provides focus for the review and has been revised as indicated by additions in **red**. I ask that you address all topics, as expertise allows, in the order listed.
3. The 7 January 2009 Supplement. In part, this provides guidance to ensure the review is kept confidential through its course. The Supplement notes reviewers are under no obligation to discuss their comments with third-parties after reviews have been submitted. We recommend they do not. All outside parties are provided opportunities to address a proposed regulatory action through a well-defined regulatory process. Direct third-party inquiries to me.

Please return your review directly to me. Questions about the review, or review material, should be for clarification only. Questions should be provided in writing – email is fine, and addressed to me at gmdavis@waterboards.ca.gov or 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. My responses will also be in writing. The State Water Resources Control Board

should not be contacted. At a minimum, the peer review will be posted on the State and Regional Water Board's Scientific Peer Review website.

Your acceptance of this review assignment is most appreciated. I would appreciate your review being completed by 7 December 2012, but we would greatly appreciate earlier completion.

Sincerely,

Gene Davis
Associate Engineering Geologist

cc: Mr. Gerald W. Bowes, Office of Research, Planning and Performance, State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento
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