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Re: **USBR-Vernalis April - May Pulse Flow Compliance**

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Since the termination of the Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan, the Delta Watermaster's office has worked with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (the "Bureau") to ensure compliance with D-1641 requirements. On February 28, 2014, the Bureau released its initial allocation and plan for reservoir releases in 2014. The Bureau has not petitioned for relief from its Vernalis requirements, yet the initial operations indicate the Bureau is not planning to operate in a manner that will comply with its D-1641 requirements this year.

Provided the critically dry conditions and notices of potential curtailment issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (SJTA) is concerned the Bureau's water quality requirements may be reallocated unlawfully. The SJTA requests the Watermaster provide the SJTA with your plan in sufficient detail that will ensure the Bureau meets its D-1641 requirements. If your office has yet to develop such a plan, the SJTA would like to meet and discuss compliance and assurances that the rules of water right priority will be upheld. The SJTA looks forward to your response.

Very truly yours,  
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