Dear Mr. Howard:

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) submit the attached Report to the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) on Export Amounts to Maintain Health and Safety During Drought (Report) in compliance with your January 31, 2014, Order approving temporary urgency change modifications of D-1641. The Report provides you and the Water Board with the information currently available supporting the 1,500 cfs export rate necessary to protect health and safety.

A hardcopy of this report will follow, and copies will also be sent to the Real Time Drought Operations Management Team.

In order to further refine the current health and safety export rate, DWR and Reclamation have requested additional information from State Water Project and Central Valley Project contracting agencies. Thus, in the future, you and the Water Board may be presented with information such as the forecasted future water needs of those contracting agencies. Developing this information, however, is challenging since it is difficult to predict future conditions in light of the complex demands upon water resources and the evolving nature of operations.

As we move forward, it is expected that any new information will be brought to the attention of the Water Board either through the Real-time Drought Operations Management Team or additional reports filed with your office.

Sincerely,

David Roose, Chief
Operations Control Office