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Felicia Marcus, Chairman  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Attn: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board

Dear Chairman Marcus:

We would like to congratulate the State of California in implementing 2013 California Water Plan Update initiatives as it applies to developing an Amendment to the statewide Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters. California's Indian Tribes and individual Indians are well served by the California's Executive Order B-10-11, which seeks to facilitate communication and consultation with California Indian Tribes.

We applaud the State Water Resources Control Board for implementing Resolution 2016-0011, which provides for Tribal beneficial use. Though this amendment is far from being complete, we encourage the State agencies and the Regional Boards to develop early and greater Tribal collaboration in adopting Tribal beneficial uses into their regional water control plans.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Douglas Garcia, Regional Water Rights Specialist at (916) 978-6052 or John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resources Management and Safety at (916) 978-6051.

Sincerely,

Regional Director

cc: Superintendents, Pacific Region