



State Water Resources Control Board

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SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW OF TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR ALTERNATIVE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER FLOW AND SOUTHERN DELTA SALINITY OBJECTIVES

Dear Dr. Grismer,

Thank you for agreeing to provide a professional peer review of the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Technical Report on the Scientific Basis for Alternative San Joaquin River Flow and Southern Delta Salinity Objectives (Technical Report). The purpose of this letter is to initiate the scientific peer review process.

Enclosed with this letter are the following key documents:

- 1) The August 12, 2011 request to Dr. Gerald Bowes, Manager of the Cal/EPA's Scientific Peer Review Program, for external reviewers including six Attachments. You received a copy of the request during the University of California, Berkeley reviewer candidate solicitation process.

Please note that Attachments 5 and 6 were not included in the August 12, 2011 request and have now been included in this packet for your review.

Additionally, the August 11, 2011 request asked reviewers to provide comments within 60 days of receipt of the request. Please note that the comment period has been reduced to 30 days.

- 2) The January 7, 2009 Supplement to the Cal/EPA Peer Review Guidelines.

In part, this provides guidance to ensure confidentiality through the peer review process; and it addresses possible requests for discussion by outside parties after the review has been submitted.

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If you require any additional documentation that was used in the development of the Technical Report, those documents will be provided upon written request.

Your review should follow the guidance provided in Attachment 2 of the attached August 12, 2011 request letter. Please address the scientific topics listed in Attachment 2 in the order given, as expertise allows.

As noted, the State Water Board requests that the review be completed within 30 days of the receipt of these documents. If you will have any difficulty in meeting this schedule, please let me know immediately.

Any communication or clarification questions regarding this request should be directed to me, at kkyl@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondences or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Kari Kyler, P.O. BOX 2000, Sacramento, CA, 95812-2000. Thank you once again, and we look forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,

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