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## VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

**Re:** Response to "Notice of Public Solicitation of Water Quality Data and Information – 2004 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List"

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing to provide a report prepared by myself and Professor Peter Moyle, University of California at Davis, in response to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Notice of Public Solicitation of Water Quality Data and Information – 2004 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List (Solicitation Notice). The attached report details exotic species invasions in various areas of the state, and describes how these invasions are impairing beneficial uses in a few affected waters. Unfortunately, due to the press of other work, we were unable to address more than a few of the waters in the state that have been significantly impaired by the introduction of exotic species.

The Literature Cited section provides a list of supporting studies, most of which are readily available to the SWRCB. If there is difficulty obtaining any of them, I would be happy to provide copies.

If you have any other questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this serious threat to the health of California's waters and aquatic ecosystems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Cohen', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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attachment: Summary of data and analyses indicating that exotic species have impaired the beneficial uses of certain California waters (name of file: Impairment-Final.doc)

