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State Water Resources Control Board  
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*Via Hand Delivery*

Dear Ms. Kapahi,

Please find enclosed fifteen copies of documents for review in preparation of the State Water Resources Control Board's Public Workshop to consider the Pelagic Organism Decline (POD) in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta Estuary. As requested in the SWRCB Notice, the enclosed documents provide information on the progress of the POD investigation. The enclosed documents are:

- Pelagic Fish Action Plan (March 2007).
- Interagency Ecological Program 2006-2007 Work Plan to Evaluate the POD (January 12, 2007).
- Review Panel Report: San Francisco Estuary Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta Interagency Ecological Program on POD (Dec. 19, 2005).
- Response to the CALFED Science Program Review Panel Report to the Interagency Ecological Program Management Team regarding the 2005 POD Synthesis Report and 2006 Workplan.
- Interagency Ecological Program Synthesis of 2005 Work to Evaluate the POD in the Upper San Francisco Estuary.

The Pelagic Fish Action Plan soon will be posted electronically on a Department of Water Resources website. The last four documents are currently available in electronic form at the following California Bay Delta Authority website:

[http://science.calwater.ca.gov/pod/pod\\_index.shtml](http://science.calwater.ca.gov/pod/pod_index.shtml)

The agencies of the Interagency Ecological Program will be presenting information at the Public Workshop on March 22 in response to the SWRCB February 13<sup>th</sup> Notice. Additional information may be submitted to the SWRCB prior to the Workshop. If you have any questions about the above, please contact me at (916) 653-5613 or [crothers@water.ca.gov](mailto:crothers@water.ca.gov).

From,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Crothers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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