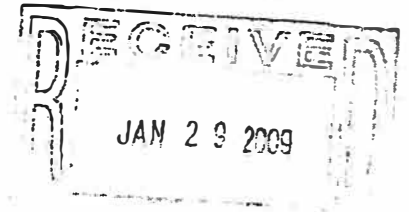




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January 27, 2009

Mr. Dante John Nomellini
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Dear Mr. Nomellini:

Thank you for your letter of November 13, 2008 concerning the Central Delta Water Agency's desire for membership to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Steering Committee.

We understand that the Central Delta Water Agency has reviewed the October 6, 2006 Planning Agreement and that the Agency concluded a willingness to execute the agreement. As you are also aware, consent to the "Points of Agreement" and other prior decisions of the Steering Committee is requisite for a seat on the Steering Committee. We understand, as you explained in your letter, that you are not in a position at this time to provide such consent. Given your positions, and as discussed at the Steering Committee meeting January 16, 2009 the Steering Committee would like to afford you other venues to contribute to the process of creating a Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

We encourage your continued participation in the variety of ways we have for groups to be involved including the Steering Committee and Working Group meetings. We will also be having many public meetings and would be glad to provide update briefings to the Central Delta Water Agency if desired. We will work with you to ensure these options are effective in having your concerns heard and addressed.

Sincerely,



Karen Scarborough
Undersecretary
Chair - Bay Delta Conservation Plan Steering Committee

cc: BDCP Steering Committee

Exhibit 1

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