



## CENTRAL DELTA WATER AGENCY

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Karen Scarborough, Chair  
BDCP Steering Committee  
Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth St. Ste. 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: BDCP Steering Committee

Dear Ms. Scarborough:

As you are aware, the Delta Water Agencies do not have representatives on the BDCP Steering Committee. This fact was discussed at a Delta Town Hall meeting in Stockton earlier this summer wherein Dante Nomellini, Jr., as co-counsel for the Central Delta Water Agency ("CDWA"), expressed concern over this omission.<sup>1</sup> The individual who was the designated representative for the BDCP at the Town Hall meeting responded by inviting CDWA to request membership on the Committee via a letter to your attention.

As such, CDWA herein requests membership on the BDCP Steering Committee. Since the BDCP is publicly funded and is considering numerous issues and options which directly affect the Delta, it seems only logical that Delta interests, and, specifically CDWA, be represented on the Steering Committee. It is requested that I be designated as the primary representative and that Dante Nomellini, Jr. be the alternate.

CDWA looks forward to the opportunity to enhance the efforts of the BDCP Steering Committee. Please advise at your earliest opportunity as to what additional steps, if any, need to be taken at this point.

Very Truly Yours,

Dean Ruiz  
Attorney for CDWA

cc: CDWA Directors & Thomas Zuckerman.

<sup>1</sup> The CDWA was established in 1973 and encompasses approximately 120,000 acres in the center of the Delta. (See attached map.) Its general purposes are "[t]o protect the water supply of the lands within the agency against intrusion of ocean salinity," "[t]o assure the lands within the agency a dependable supply of water of suitable quality sufficient to meet present and future needs," and "to assist landowners and local districts within the agency in reclamation and flood control matters." (Wat. Code App., § 117-4.1.)

