SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF

Jerry Johns, Deputy Director Delta and Statewide Water Management

Gerald E. Johns was appointed Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on August 2, 2004, after acting in that position since January 2004. Jerry has over 35 years of experience in environmental, water rights and water quality issues much of which involving the San Francisco Bay/Delta system.

Jerry was the Assistant Division Chief of the Division of Water Rights for the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for 14 years prior to joining DWR. He worked on numerous issues, some controversial, including the Mono Lake Decision during his more than 26 years with the Board. In that position he supervised the environmental compliance for water right permits issued statewide and worked on issues including agricultural drainage in the San Joaquin River Basin, Coastal watershed protection and restoration activities, and development of a "Guide to Water Transfers" for the Board. Prior to becoming the Assistant Division Chief, Jerry worked in the Bay/Delta Unit where is assisted the Board in developing emergency regulations for the Delta during the 1976-1977 drought and the development and implementation of 1978 Bay/Delta Water Quality Control Plan and Water Right Decision 1485 regulating the operations of the SWP and CVP in the Delta. He later became chief of the Bay/Delta Unit.

In June of 2001, Jerry left the Board to become the Chief of the newly created Water Transfers Office. This new office was formed to implement the water transfer activities of CALFED, now the California Bay-Delta Authority. Jerry was also responsible for programmatic activities related to DWR's Environmental Water Account and the State's Dry Year Program.

As Deputy Director, Jerry oversees Delta and statewide programs for DWR including Environmental Services, Bay-Delta, and Flood-safe Environmental Stewardship and Statewide Resources Office

Jerry earned both his Master's of Science in Freshwater Ecology and Bachelor's of Science in Zoology from the University of California, Davis.