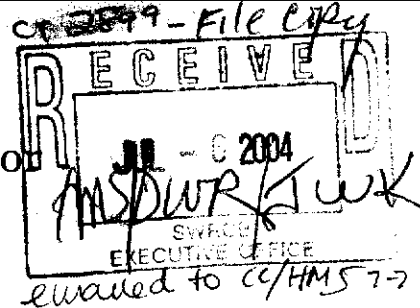




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Ms. Celeste Cantú  
Executive Director  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, California 95812-2000

Subject: Fishery Protection Plan for Joint Points of Diversion, July – October 2004.

Dear Ms. Cantú:

Enclosed for your approval is a Protection Plan for Fish, Wildlife, and Other Legal Users of Water as required under Water Rights Decision 1641 to permit Central Valley Project (CVP) Stage 2 Joint Points of Diversion (JPOD) at the State's Banks Pumping Plant.

This version of the plan has been limited to the period covering July 1 through October 31, 2004 in order to narrow its scope and to limit potential JPOD pumping to a season of very low risk to anadromous fish. Nevertheless, it contains all elements called for in Water Rights Decision 1641, and provides the required protection for Fish, Wildlife, and Other Legal Users of Water.

As you know, Reclamation has been working on completing a new long term CVP Operations Criteria and Plan (CVP-OCAP). Much of the information required for the long term Protection Plan is expected to be developed during that effort, which is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2004. Reclamation believes that staff time would be saved, and there would be greater consistency between the CVP-OCAP and the long term Protection Plan if such a plan could be submitted subsequent to completion of the CVP-OCAP. Reclamation requests approval of this plan as an interim measure to permit Stage 2 CVP JPOD in the near term.

If you require additional information, feel free to contact Paul Fujitani at 916-979-2197 or Tom Morstein-Marx at 916-979-2196.

Sincerely,

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Operations Manager