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Ron Ott, Ph.D., PE
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Dear Dr. Ott,

The Department of Water Resources has initiated a Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS) program to look at the risks, and consequences of those risks to the Sacramento San-Joaquin Delta caused by impacts such as subsidence, floods, earthquakes, and sea level rise. This is an extensive effort that will involve many technical experts, in many fields, to complete. The DRMS work will comply with the requirements of AB 1200, and will also be a major contributor to the Delta Vision Process work. The DRMS work is a very fast track program, however; we realize that in order to validate the credibility for the work, there needs to be a review of the DRMS work, by an Independent Science Board (ISB).

Attached is the Scope of Work that describes the work that ISB would perform to complete the review of the DRMS work. DWR has also sent a letter to the National Research Council (Water and Technology Board) requesting that they submit a separate proposal on how they would provide the required review of the DRMS work. However, we understand that the new CALFED ISB may also be able to contract more quickly to have the required review done as well.

DWR requests that ISB Review of DRMS Work Products be placed on the agenda for the next CALFED ISB meeting, scheduled for August 2006. We will have representatives available at the meeting to make a brief presentation and answer any questions the ISB members may have about this request.

If you have any questions on this topic, please contact me at (916) 651-7020. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Svetich".

Ralph Svetich, DRMS Project Manager
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