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Subject: Environmental Compliance Report for the 2015 Installation of the California Department of Water Resources Emergency Drought Barrier Project

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Please find the enclosed Environmental Compliance Report for the 2015 Installation of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Emergency Drought Barrier Project (EDB or Project). DWR completed the EDB installation in July 2015 under the California Department Fish and Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2014-0111-R3 and Incidental Take Permit 2081-2014-026-03; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Permit SPK-2014-00187; State Water Resources Control Board CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification; terms and conditions from the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This document is intended to fulfill the reporting requirements for the aforementioned permits.

The principal purpose of the EDB is to help prevent saltwater contamination of water supplies for municipalities and agriculture in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and in Contra Costa, Alameda, and Santa Clara counties, as well as the 25 million people who rely on the Delta-based federal and state water projects for at least some of their supplies.

This Environmental Compliance Report only includes installation of the EDB in 2015. DWR implemented conservation measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts as described in this Environmental Compliance Report. Additionally, DWR has purchased compensatory mitigation credits at approved mitigation banks for giant garter snake and smelt/salmonid. DWR anticipates removing the EDB in fall 2015. A separate environmental compliance report will be prepared for removal.

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If you need additional information regarding this Environmental Compliance Report, please contact Jacob McQuirk, of my staff, at (916) 653-9883 or jacob.mcquirk@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Holderman". The signature is stylized with a large initial "M" and a long horizontal stroke.

Mark Holderman, Chief
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Enclosure: Environmental Compliance Report for the 2015 Installation of the California Department of Water Resources Emergency Drought Barrier Project

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