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RE: Submittal of Standard Permit Application under the Clean Water Act Section 404 and Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 for the West False River Salinity Barrier Project

Dear Mr. Guthrie:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is submitting to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) ENG Form 4345 under a Standard Permit, pursuant to Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 and Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) Section 10 for the West False River Salinity Barrier Project (Project). The Project involves installing and removing embankment rock (i.e., salinity barrier) and abutments in 2016. The Project is designed to help prevent saltwater contamination of water supplies used by people who live in the 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.

Enclosed is a Standard Permit application package that consists of ENG Form 4345 and supplemental information, including:

- Attachment A: ENG Form 4345 Form Continuation
- Attachment B: Biological Assessments prepared for USFWS and NMFS

During coordination, USACE expressed to DWR the necessity to submit a permit application as soon as possible in order to formally begin the permitting process. Therefore, DWR is submitting this application package with the expressed understanding that additional material (e.g., CWA Section 404(b)(1) Alternatives Analysis) will be provided to USACE at a later date.

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We look forward to working with you to obtain CWA Section 404 and RHA Section 10 authorization. If you have questions, need further information, or DWR can provide assistance with the permitting process, please contact Jacob McQuirk, at (916) 653-9883 or Jacob.mcquirk@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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