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Mr. Thomas Howard  
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RE: Submittal of Water Quality Certification Application under the Clean Water Act  
Section 401 for the West False River Salinity Barrier Project

Dear Mr. Howard:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is submitting to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) a Water Quality Certification (WQC) application, pursuant to Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401, 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 WQC application package that consists of the WQC application and supplemental information, including:

- Attachment A: WQC Application Continuation
- Attachment B: Copy of ENG Form 4345 for the WFRSB
- Attachment C: Biological Assessments prepared for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service
- Attachment D: Dredge and Fill Fee Calculator

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We look forward to working with you to obtain a Water Quality Certification. If you have questions, need further information, or DWR can provide assistance with the permitting process, please contact Jacob McQuirk, at [Jacob.mcquirk@water.ca.gov](mailto:Jacob.mcquirk@water.ca.gov) or (916) 653-9883 or.

Sincerely,



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