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Dear Mr. Cepello:

COMMENTS ON THE PUBLIC DRAFT CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD SYSTEM CONSERVATION STRATEGY

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the Public Draft Central Valley Flood System Conservation Strategy (CS).

The Department would like to acknowledge the collaborative working relationship the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has developed and sustained with the Fish and Wildlife Agencies, including the Department, throughout the development of the CS. The Public Draft CS reflects this relationship and incorporates the Department's input provided throughout the multi-year process. In particular, the Department acknowledges the development of the *Central Valley Flood System Measurable Objectives Workgroup Technical Memorandum* (Appendix L of the CS) and the presence of measurable objectives with numerical targets in the CS. Developing these measurable objectives was a significant undertaking for DWR, due to scope and an ambitious timeline. The Department appreciates the considerable effort from DWR and believes the measurable objectives will assist entities implementing projects in the flood system to better compete for funding for multi-benefit projects, to measure ecosystem improvements within the flood system, and to meet the supporting goals of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and the objectives of SB 5 (WC § 9616(a)).

The Department looks forward to continuing the working relationship with DWR to fully integrate the CS into the 2017 update of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.

Sincerely,

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