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January 31, 2007

Ms. Tracie Billington
Department of Water Resources
Division of Planning and Assistance
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, California 94236-001

Dear Ms. Billington:

I am writing in support of the Monterey County Water Resource Agency's proposal to receive Proposition 50 grant funding. Sea Water Intrusion continues to move ever inward towards the city of Salinas. This incredibly important funding would support the Salinas Valley Water Project which would help stop pumping of the ground water basin near the coast and slow the rate of sea water intrusion. The project would also ensure the sustainability of our important agricultural industry in the Salinas Valley by allowing us to blend river water with recycled water thereby lowering salt levels in our irrigation water. The Department's approval of this funding is crucial to the future of the agriculture in the north Salinas Valley and to the drinking water supplies of the coastal cities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Huss", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dale Huss

Vice President – Artichoke Production

Cc. Mr. Ed Boutonnet
Mr. Curtis Weeks – GM MCWRA
Mr. Bob Meyer – MCWRA