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Walter Wadlow
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Alameda County Water District
43885 South Grimmer Boulevard
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Subject: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Support for Inland Saltwater Intrusion and Aquifer Characterization Project

Dear Mr. Wadlow:

It has come to my attention that the Alameda County Water District (ACWD) is proposing a project to install six new groundwater monitoring wells in the central portion of the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin and that ACWD is applying to the Department of Water Resources for a Local Groundwater Assistance Program grant to fund this project.

The wells which will be installed in two major aquifers would be located on the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge which is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We have, and still do work closely with ACWD on projects concerning saltwater intrusion in the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin. The information gathered by these proposed wells would be useful to the Refuge.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supports this application request and will provide access and guidance with wildlife issues that may arise. This project will provide valuable information and allow ACWD to better manage the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 510 792-0222.

Sincerely,

Eric Mruz, Manager

Don Edwards San Francisco Bay NWR.



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**PROPOSED
WELL
LOCATIONS**

FIGURE 5