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Subject: Clarification of Request for Reinitiation of Section 7 Consultation on the Long-term Central Valley Project and State Water Project Operations Criteria and Plan (OCAP)

Dear Mr. McInnis:

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is seeking to clarify Reclamation's letter of April 26, 2006, requesting reinitiation of consultation on the Coordinated Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project (CVP and SWP) operations. Reclamation is making the request to reinitiate formal consultation pursuant to 50 CFR §402.16(d), because of newly listed species and designation of critical habitat. It has come to our attention, however, that our letter of April 26 might have been read to limit the request for reinitiation as only addressing the effects of CVP and SWP operations on the newly listed species and designated critical habitat. That was not our intent. Instead, Reclamation is requesting consultation on the effects of long term CVP and SWP operations on all federally listed species and designated critical habitats which may be affected by those operations. Reclamation understands that new information has been developed since issuance of the current OCAP Biological Opinion in October, 2004, and that this information will be considered in the consultation.

Reclamation will address the effects to each of these species and designated critical habitats in a Biological Assessment, which is currently under preparation. The Biological Assessment will be transmitted to NMFS as soon as it can be completed.

Please contact Ann Lubas-Williams at 916-979-2068 if you have questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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