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Dear Messrs. Persciasepe and Patterson:

As a co-lead agency, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) hereby authorizes you to execute on its behalf all documents required for release of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the CALFED Program and filing such draft EIS with the Council on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency, including without limitation any transmittal letters, notice of availability, and notice of public hearings.

This authorization does not imply that the NMFS either has made any findings required by federal statute or is necessarily in full agreement with particular conclusions or analyses included in the draft EIS, which was prepared by CALFED staff.

Thank you for your assistance in facilitating the release of this draft EIS.

Sincerely,

William T. Hogarth, Ph.D.  
Regional Administrator

cc: Lester Snow, CALFED Program



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