

# APPENDIX A

## Letter of Intent

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Dear Colonel Walsh:

This letter reasserts the Department of Water Resources' intent, as described in the attached March 16, 1995 letter, to participate in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Prospect Island Ecosystem Restoration Project. The State of California appreciates the ongoing activities by the Corps to advance Delta protective measures in response to State and federal policy.

DWR has established a mission statement and statement of responsibility which includes protection of the Delta. Specifically our mission is:

"To manage the water resources of California, in cooperation with other agencies, to benefit the State's people and protect, restore and enhance the natural and human environments."

A major responsibility is to:

"Protect and restore the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta by controlling salinity and providing water supplies for Delta water users, planning long-term solutions for environmental and water use problems facing the Delta, and administering levee maintenance reimbursements and special flood projects."

In addition, the State of California has adopted a Comprehensive Wetlands Policy (Executive Order W-59-93) which sets an objective of no overall net loss and a long-term gain in the quantity and permanence of wetland acreage and values. DWR could participate in the Prospect Island Restoration Project to improve Delta conditions for fish, especially those listed as threatened or endangered under State and federal law, and to achieve favorable advancements in the certainty of State water supplies. Based on these objectives, DWR finds that it is meaningful and proper to initiate action that could provide for participation in the Prospect Island Project as the nonfederal sponsor.

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DWR has obtained funding commitments from the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Category III Steering Committee and from the California Delta Levee Maintenance Program (Assembly Bill 360) to satisfy the cost share requirements for the Prospect Island Project, including long-term operation and maintenance. DWR understands that the estimated total cost of the proposed project is \$6.1 million and the estimated annual cost of the operation and maintenance is \$69,000.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (916) 653-7007 or your staff may contact Leo Winternitz, DWR's Project Manager, at (916) 227-7548.

Sincerely,

  
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