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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Mr. Lester Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow:

Based on our previous discussion, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) feels it is important that the CALFED Draft Programmatic EIR/EIS for the Bay-Delta include a statewide assessment of salinity impacts for each of the alternatives being considered. To aid that assessment, we gave your consultant, Roger Mann, a draft update of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Bureau) 1988 salinity impacts model. Metropolitan and the Bureau are jointly updating the model as part of our salinity management study. Additionally, we are now providing Roger Mann with pertinent data for the Metropolitan service area for use in running the draft model.

Since the purpose of the EIR is to evaluate relative statewide impacts between alternatives, the analyses should be presented on a statewide basis, which does not single out any one agency or area. Data on populations, demographics, water sources, deliveries, and various uses are readily available in Bulletin 160 for other areas. Water quality data can be obtained from a variety of sources. Metropolitan staff are available to assist Roger Mann in collecting and using these data in the draft model.

It is our understanding that the data provided by us for Metropolitan's service area will be integrated into a statewide analysis for comparing performances of alternatives. Any assumptions used in the model concerning water allocations should be considered hypothetical and should not be used for any assignment of benefits or cost allocations of the selected alternatives.

Please call me at (213) 217-6052 if we can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

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