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MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties

Subject: Working Draft - Central Valley Project Improvement Act - Five Year Plan and Budget (Fiscal Years 1999 - 2003)

Attached for your review and comment is a copy of the working draft planning document that describes a possible focus for implementation of the Department of the Interior's (Interior) responsibilities under the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) over the next five years. This document also contains a five year budget that displays how available CVPIA funds might be distributed over the same period. Reviewers are cautioned that neither the plan nor the budget figures are proposals by Interior; they have not been recommended by or approved by management. Rather, they are intended to stimulate discussion and solicit input to assist Interior in developing a Five Year Plan and Budget.

With specific regard to the budget table, while each line item is or may be changed in response to review comments, the totals available in any given fiscal year should be considered relatively firm targets. These are the dollar amounts which we expect might reasonably be appropriated. The actual amounts will undoubtedly change in each year as Congress acts on the budget. With regard to Fiscal Year 1999, the totals displayed for the Water and Related Resources appropriation and the Restoration Fund appropriation were the amounts in the President's budget provided to Congress. Congress has recently passed and the President has signed the 1999 Energy and Water Appropriation Act. We know that the Restoration Fund appropriation has been reduced by approximately \$16 million and that there will be changes to the water and related resources appropriation.

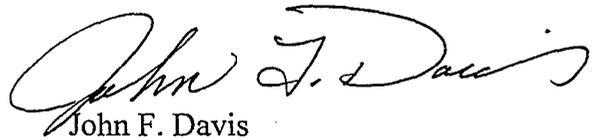
The Five Year Plan and Budget, when finalized, will describe our plan or strategy for implementing the CVPIA as of this date. Annual Work Plans, consistent with the focus of the Five Year Plan, are then developed each fiscal year. The Five Year Plan and Budget is also reviewed and updated annually to meet changing conditions or needs. Therefore, it should be reviewed as a planning tool. The further out the plan projects, the less emphatic the direction it provides.

Please provide written comments on the draft Five Year Plan and Budget by October 28, 1998, to either John F. Davis or Dale A. Pierce at the addresses provided below.

Sincerely,



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