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Liberty Island Acquisition

Lester A. Snow, Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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Re: Amendment to Agreement No. 1425-AA-20-16270 Liberty Island Land Acquisition

Dear Lester:

In December, 1997 the CALFED Policy Team (Team) approved \$8,577,000 for the acquisition of Liberty Island by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). The following tables represent the original costs and the revised 2 percent cost increase associated with this project.

ORIGINAL COST ESTIMATES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Project Phase	Direct Salary and Benefits	Service Contracts	Misc. & Other Direct Costs	TOTAL COSTS
Full Purchase	\$20,000	\$7,000	\$8,550,000	\$8,577,000

AMENDED COST ESTIMATES (2%) NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE APPROVED PROJECT

Project Phase	Direct Salary and Benefits Costs	Direct Service Contracts Costs	Direct Costs for Land Purchase	Indirect Budget and Administrative Costs	TOTAL COSTS
Full Purchase	\$20,000	\$77,000	\$8,500,000	\$150,000	\$8,747,000
Net Change	\$0	+\$70,000	-\$50,000	+\$150,000	+\$170,000

The additional costs are necessary to complete the planning process (\$70,000) and defray the budget and administrative costs (\$150,000) associated with the acquisition of Liberty Island (i.e. planning, appraisals, title policy, surveys, administrative cost recovery, etc...).

Since the Team's approval, the Service obtained an agreement to purchase the property on July 20, 1998. This agreement is subject to the completion of the planning (NEPA) process. The NEPA process is slated to be completed by March, 1999. Initially the Service believed that this project would be completed by January, 1998. However, due to delays in the grant approval, planning and appraisal processes, this project is now slated to be completed by October 31, 1999.

We are requesting that the above referenced agreement be amended to reflect the additional 2 percent increase in costs for a total of \$8,747,000. We also request that the completion date for this project be amended to October 31, 1999. We look forward to completing this worthwhile project. With CALFED's assistance, the Service will be able to permanently protect and restore approximately 4,760 acres of important Delta habitat for the benefit of winter-run chinook salmon, Delta smelt, Sacramento splittail, and other native fishery resources. This acquisition will also protect riparian corridors, and wetlands that support water-associated birds, neotropical migrants, and other species.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Howard K. Stark or Stephen M. Dyer at the above address or at (916) 979-2085.

Sincerely,

  
Acting Michael J. Spear  
Manager

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