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This letter is intended to clarify and amplify my remarks made last Friday in San Francisco at the unveiling of DOI's latest attempt to arrive at a process for implementing (b)(2) and related provisions of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. Simply stated:

- (1) The Department of Water Resources analysis demonstrates that the (b)(2) water has been fully allocated by the actions already taken in the Delta Accord and on the Sacramento and American Rivers.
- (2) While DWR may cooperate in additional fishery and wildlife restoration actions recommended by DOI under CVPIA (AFRP and refuge wheeling), in so doing we will not put State Water Project deliveries at substantial risk; nor will we agree to actions which put any water use at an unacceptable level of uncertainty.
- (3) We expect to see linkage between additional environmental protections and enhanced water supply reliability. That is, we expect the urban, agricultural, and environmental sectors to "get better together"... to quote John Garamendi.
- (4) We expect to see a DOI commitment to new infrastructure system investments, and to CVP/SWP coordination targeted at enhanced water supply reliability.
- (5) We expect to reach agreement on a mutually satisfactory process to improve and to understand the scientific basis for establishing environmental water requirements and priorities.

Within the framework defined above, DWR is willing to explore cooperation in implementation of as many of the AFRP actions as practicable in any year or in a series of years. If you see room to work within this framework, let's get together soon and begin talks about next year's operations. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 653-6055.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Potter".

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