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Dear Friends

Thank you for your May 25th letter regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

Consistent with the assurances you seek in the attachment to the letter, the Department of Water Resources (Department) will continue to be responsible for meeting its obligations for flow-related water quality objectives as required in Decision 1641. The Department's obligation will not change unless the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) adopts a new water rights decision for this purpose.

In addition, if the Department or others file petitions requesting that the State Water Board change points of diversion in the Delta to implement the BDCP, the Department does not anticipate that the State Water Board would require mitigation by others who are not responsible for impacts caused by the new points of diversion. The Department expects that impacts the Board identifies from new diversion points would be mitigated by the petitioners.

If you seek clarification regarding the State Water Board process, please contact the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gerald H. Meral'.

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