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October 2, 2013

Mr. Randy Record, President  
Association of California Water Agencies  
910 K Street, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Statewide Water Action Plan – Support of ACWA's SWAP Process**

Dear President Record:

We appreciate the Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) efforts to raise the awareness of water supply and management issues that concern Californians statewide. All of our agencies are members of ACWA, and our regional representatives on the ACWA Board supported ACWA's adoption of the Statewide Water Action Plan (SWAP) at the September 27 Board Meeting.

To be clear, the work to design a plan that improves the water supply reliability for all Californians is just beginning. There are a number of items of great concern to our region that still need to be addressed by Governor Brown's Administration.

Our agencies provide this support for ACWA's process because it represents a sincere effort to address the serious concerns that our region has regarding our on-going water supply reliability. While it does not include all of the measures necessary to address our region's water supply reliability needs, it is a good starting point. We also understand that the State's ability to address our concerns is limited because much of our water supply derives from the operation of the Central Valley Project's (CVP) Folsom Reservoir by the Federal Bureau of Reclamation (USBR).

We nonetheless appreciate the efforts of ACWA to include the following points that are of the utmost importance to our region:

- A Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) will not adversely affect the water and contractual rights of those in the Delta's watershed or impose any obligations on upstream water users to supplement stream flows in and through the Delta;

- Delta export operations will be responsible for complying with all permitting conditions applied to a BDCP, which will be designed to avoid direct and redirected impacts to upstream water users;
- All relevant state agencies will adhere to all water-right protections in state law and comply with existing water rights and contractual requirements – the water-right permits and settlement contracts that apply to CVP and State Water Project (SWP) facilities contain terms that protect upstream and local water users;
- State agencies should develop and implement a strategy and operational regimes that ensure that upstream reservoirs do not reach "dead pool" conditions, and that the coordinated SWP and CVP operations are able to and do meet water-supply and environmental needs in the watersheds upstream of the Delta; and
- In considering the Bay-Delta water quality control plan and other Delta measures, the State Water Resources Control Board and other regulatory agencies should recognize the progress that has been made in the Delta's watershed through voluntary agreements and encourage future agreements that protect beneficial uses and enhance public trust resources.

We support these favorable, though general, policy statements and intend to continue to advocate for them to be implemented in the operations of all federal and state facilities that affect our region as part of our on-going efforts to provide future water supply reliability. We accordingly will participate actively in the consideration of a BDCP and other Delta proceedings by all relevant state agencies, as well as in on-going federal processes concerning the CVP's operations.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this process, and we would like to commend Executive Director Tim Quinn and the ACWA staff for facilitating the SWAP process and the difficult task of navigating the concerns of all members. The plan itself is a meritorious step in the right direction to meet the water needs of all Californians. However, if the measures necessary to ensure water supply reliability in our region and other areas in and upstream of the Delta do not move forward together with a BDCP, then continued conflict over water issues is likely to occur. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

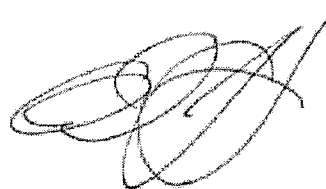
Sincerely,

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John F. Shirey  
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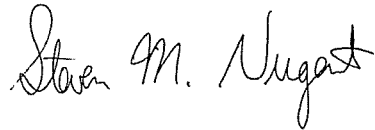
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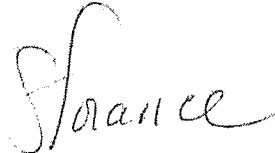
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