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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Region
Sacramento, California

From: Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region
Sacramento, California

Subject: May 24, 2016 Continuation of the May 3, 2016 Determination under Component 2, Action 3 of the 2008 Biological Opinion for the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project

We find under Component 2, Action 3 of the Reasonable and Prudent Alternative of the opinion that continuation of the May 3, 2016 Determination is warranted and the 14-day average OMR should not be more negative than -3000 cfs.

We appreciate your continued efforts to conserve larval and juvenile Delta Smelt while working to meet your many other obligations. We will continue to work with you to closely monitor the situation over the coming days and make adjustments if needed. As we stated in our May 3rd Determination, we are also concerned about maintaining adequate habitat conditions for juvenile Delta Smelt rearing in the west Delta throughout the late spring and summer. We appreciate your efforts to date to address our concerns and strongly encourage you to continue those efforts.

Thank you for your continued collaborative efforts to limit entrainment risk to Delta Smelt. Please call me if you have questions or concerns at (916) 414-6469.

David - Thank you for your continuing work to find water. Today the X2 is in a good place - about 74 km - and we need to keep it in that area.

Again, thanks