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Subject: Updated Information Pertaining to the 2008 Biological Assessment and 2008 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion for Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP)

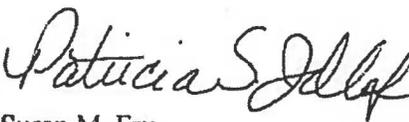
In response to the Eastern District Court ruling in the Delta Smelt Consolidated Cases (1:09-cv-00407-OWW-DLB) filed on May 4, 2011, the Bureau of Reclamation provides the following updates and additional information to facilitate the development of a draft Biological Opinion by October 1, 2011. The enclosed updates to the Biological Assessment submitted on August 20, 2008, are hereby incorporated into the Project Description for the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the CVP and SWP.

Attached updates and additional information include the following:

- An updated Project Description (both clean and track changes versions) reflecting changes in project operations and facilities that have occurred in the last 3 years or are expected to occur in the near-term (2019) and long-term (2030) time frames covered in this consultation.
- Updated CALSIM II model output related to Old and Middle River (OMR) flows and the location of Fall X2 for near-term (2019) and long-term (2030) operations reflecting legislative and litigated changes in the Project Description. Modeling updates consist of Restoration Flows associated with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program and an updated Interim Plan of Operations for New Melones Reservoir reflecting ongoing settlement discussions with East Side CVP Contractors as a result of the Stockton East Water District, *et al.* v. U.S., No. 04-0541 (Ct. Fed. Cl.) court case.
- Comparison of the model output used in the 2008 Biological Assessment for Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the CVP and SWP and the 2011 revised model output for selected parameters (i.e., OMR flow, X2, etc.) used to determine effects on delta smelt.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to continue working with you on this important and challenging project.

Sincerely,


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