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Subject: Section 7 Consultation and Transmittal of Biological Assessments (BA) Addressing
Coordinated Operations of the Central Valley Project (CVP), State Water Project (SWP)
and the Operational Criteria and Plan (OCAP)

Dear Mr. White:

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Ms. Ann Lubas-Williams should continue to be contacted at 916-979-2068 with any questions related to the OCAP and Biological Assessment documents.

Sincerely,

Chester V. Bowling
Operations Manager

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