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Dear CVP Stakeholders and Interested Parties:

Enclosed is a copy of the Draft Biological Opinion prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), on the operation and maintenance of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and implementation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). Also included are any appendices that you have requested.

Written comments on the Draft Biological Opinion should be provided to Reclamation by March 3, 2000. Please provide your comments to:

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Comments received will be compiled by Reclamation and utilized, where appropriate, by the Service in preparing the final Biological Opinion. No individual responses to comments will be provided or included in the final Biological Opinion.

For questions concerning distribution or requesting a copy of the document or appendices, please contact Bob Eckart at (916) 978-5051 or TDD (916) 978-5608.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure