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Memorandum

To: Area Manager, Northern California Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation,
Sacramento, California

From: ~~FOG~~ Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, Sacramento, California
Chf. T. S. Gandy

Subject: Conclusion of Informal Consultation on Long-Term Renewal of the Proberta
Water Service Contract in the Sacramento River Division

This memorandum is in response to your April 13, 2004, letter requesting formal consultation on the proposed long term renewal of Central Valley Project water service contracts in the Shasta, Trinity, and Sacramento River Divisions of the Northern California Area Office. Your request was received by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on April 14, 2004. This response is in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Conclusion of Informal Consultation

We have reviewed the information provided in your April 13, 2004 letter; the accompanying Biological Assessments for long-term contract renewals provided for the Shasta and Trinity River Divisions (dated August 2003) and the Black Butte, Corning Canal, and Tehama-Colusa Canal Units (dated April 2004); supplemental information provided by your office and by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Mid-Pacific Regional Office, including GIS data; and other information available to us. We have determined that the proposed renewal of the Sacramento River Division's long term water service contract for the Proberta Water District is not likely to adversely affect listed species or critical habitat.

There are no listed species, associated habitats, or critical habitat within the Proberta Water District and therefore we do not believe that there will be measurable direct or indirect effects on them as a result of the proposed action.

This concludes informal consultation on the Proberta Water District water service contract. No further action is needed unless: (1) new information reveals effects of the agency action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not considered; (2) the agency action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to the listed species or critical habitat that was not considered; or (3) a new species is listed or critical habitat designated that may be affected by the action; and (4) discretionary Federal agency involvement or control over

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the action is maintained (or is authorized by law). Reclamation should continue to monitor these actions and review this determination as needed based on the reinitiation criteria.

Based on the information provided in your April 13, 2004 letter; the accompanying Biological Assessments for long-term contract renewals provided for the Shasta and Trinity River Divisions (dated August 2003); the Feather Water District (dated April 2004) and the Black Butte, Coming Canal, and Tehama-Colusa Canal Units (dated April 2004); supplemental information provided by your office and by the Reclamation Mid-Pacific Regional Office, including GIS data; and other information available to us, we have determined that ground-truthing specific areas within the districts is necessary to determine adverse affects, as appropriate, for the Kirkwood Water District.

We are coordinating with Reclamation staff to facilitate those efforts. Once our analysis is complete, we will issue our determination for the Kirkwood Water District water service contract.

This represents the Service's review of the actions presented in your April 13, 2004, request for formal consultation on long-term renewal of the Proberta Water District water service contract.

If you have questions regarding the proposed project, please contact Jan Knight at (916) 414-6620.