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Subject: Review and Comment on Draft Feasibility Report for Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On February 18, 2014, the Bureau of Reclamation will release the Draft Feasibility Report documenting our findings to date of the potential costs, benefits, and impacts of the alternatives in the Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation. Reclamation has been studying the feasibility of constructing a new dam and reservoir with multiple reservoir operational alternatives, in addition to a no-action alternative.

We are formally requesting comments from interested individuals, agencies, and organizations through April 18, 2014. All comments received will be considered as we complete the remaining engineering, environmental, economic and financial studies, and related reports.

The Draft Feasibility Report is available online at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/sccao/storage/index.html>. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail to sha-mpr-usjrbsi@usbr.gov, or by U.S. mail to the following address:

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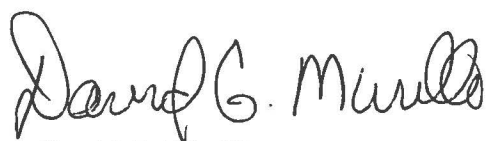
Constructing a new reservoir on the Upper San Joaquin River is one of five surface water storage studies included in the 2000 CALFED Bay-Delta Programmatic Record of Decision. Planning objectives include improving anadromous fish survival in the San Joaquin River, increasing water supply reliability in the Central Valley of California, and addressing related water resource problems, needs, and opportunities.

A decision to construct the dam and reservoir requires complex and intricate analysis. As we continue with the decision-making process, we will address public and agency concerns and comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and policies. Reclamation is also

preparing a formal Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report and will establish a separate public review and comment opportunity once that document is distributed to the public.

For questions, please contact Ms. Sharon McHale via facsimile at 916-978-5094 or e-mail to sha-mpr-usjrbsi@usbr.gov. To request an electronic copy of the draft documents, please contact Mr. Steve Geissinger at 916-978-5108 (TTY 800-877-8339) or by e-mail to sgeissinger@usbr.gov. Copies of the documents may also be viewed at Reclamation's Regional Library, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, 916-978-5593. For more information about the Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation, please visit <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/sccao/storage/index.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David G. Murillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

David G. Murillo
Regional Director