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Subject: San Luis Reservoir Expansion Draft Appraisal Report

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Reclamation has prepared a Draft Appraisal Report documenting our evaluation of conceptual alternative plans for increasing the storage capacity of San Luis Reservoir to improve the reliability of Central Valley Project (CVP) water deliveries. Reclamation is seeking comments on the Draft San Luis Reservoir Expansion Appraisal Report by January 17, 2014.

Comments will be considered as we continue investigating the expansion of the San Luis Reservoir. The Draft Appraisal Report is available at Reclamation's website at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/sllpp/>. Written comments can be submitted via email to waley@usbr.gov or by mail to the address below.


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An expansion of the dam and reservoir would address at least four factors affecting the reliability of CVP deliveries associated with San Luis Reservoir. These factors include water quality in the reservoir, seismic risk to the dam, Delta conditions and regulations affecting the timing and volume of water available to store in the reservoir, and timing and volume of demand for water stored in the reservoir.

The Draft Appraisal Report includes recommendations to work with the California Department of Water Resources, Santa Clara Valley Water District, and the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority to reconsider the expansion of the dam and reservoir as an alternative to address the San Luis Low Point problem, the dam safety risks, and other factors affecting CVP water delivery reliability.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Aley at 916-978-5095 or waley@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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

David G. Murillo
Regional Director

Enclosure