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August 22, 2008

To: CALFED Water Quality Program
BDPAC Water Quality Subcommittee
CALFED Water Quality Implementing Agencies

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Subject: Peer Review of CALFED Water Quality Program Stage 1 Final
Assessment

Enclosed is the document entitled, "Summary of Review Panel Comments for CALFED Water Quality Program, Stage 1 Final Assessment (Review Panel Comments)." The transmittal of this final report fulfills a request to the CALFED Science Program from the CALFED Water Quality Program to provide independent external review of the science underlying the CALFED Water Quality Program Stage 1 Final Assessment Report (Final Assessment).

The overall goal of this peer review was to assist the CALFED Water Quality Program and the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC), and the BDPAC Water Quality Subcommittee in evaluating the overall adequacy of the findings, conclusions and recommendations in the Final Assessment and the information used to support them.

The review panel consisted of Dr. Paul Westerhoff, Dr. David Reckhow, Dr. Phillip Singer and Mr. Phillippe Daniel. These panel members were selected for their expertise and reputation in water quality, civil and hydraulic engineering, hydrology, infrastructure analysis, water quality treatment and water management.

The review panel provided written reviews that addressed the Peer Review Charge (http://www.science.calwater.ca.gov/pdf/reviews/DWQ_FAR_peer_review_charge_040808.pdf) with a focus on the strengths and weaknesses of the Final Assessment Report and Appendices. Dr. Westerhoff provided an individual review and, as lead reviewer, produced a summary of the review comments and facilitated and coordinated completion of the reviews. Dr. Westerhoff presented a summary of the review panel comments to CALFED staff and the BCPAC Water Quality Subcommittee on July 10, 2008.

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