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Dear Mr. Bowling and Mr. Torgersen:

OPERATIONS PLAN TO PROTECT FISH AND WILDLIFE AND OTHER LEGAL USERS OF WATER REQUIRED FOR USE OF JOINT POINTS OF DIVERSION

This letter informs you that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Executive Director's July 30, 2004, approval of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) Temporary Operations Plan to Protect Fish and Wildlife and Other Legal Users of Water (Fisheries Protection Plan) for use of Stage 2 Joint Points of Diversion expired on November 1, 2004. SWRCB Decision 1641 requires implementation of an approved Fisheries Protection Plan for diversion/rediversion of water by USBR at the Banks Pumping Plant (pursuant to condition 1(c) on page 152) or diversion/rediversion of water by the Department of Water Resources at the Tracy Pumping Plant (pursuant to condition 1(c) on page 157) pursuant to Stage 2 JPOD.

D-1641 does not authorize additional Stage 2 JPOD operations until the Executive Director approves a new Fisheries Protection Plan. In order to allow adequate time for review, please submit any new Fisheries Protection Plan at least 30 days prior to any proposed JPOD operations.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Diane Riddle, the Environmental Scientist assigned to this matter, at (916) 341-5297.

Sincerely,

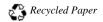
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