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Ms. Katherine Kelly
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Dear Ms. Kelly:

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Comments on Draft State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report, August 2002

You and your staff are to be commended for putting together a readable report that lets the public know about the delivery capability of the State Water Project (SWP). The report is an excellent tool to assess the delivery probability of the SWP. The Model Run results will be useful to the Zone 7 Water Agency in planning for our water supply needs for long-term average conditions as well as for critical dry year and drought conditions.

However, we believe the report might lead to some confusion as to the SWP reliability in the near term. The real measure of the reliability (or capability) of the SWP to meet delivery demands is represented by Model Run 2021B when delivery demands are assumed to be the Maximum Annual Table A amounts each and every year. Model Runs 2001 and 2021A presume reduced demands on the SWP system when SWP contractors might utilize local water supplies before taking SWP deliveries. These two Model Runs do not reflect the maximum amount of water that the SWP system is capable of delivering. The delivery percentages resulting from Model Runs 2001 and 2021A should not be characterized as "SWP Reliability" but more appropriately should be called something like "Probable SWP Delivery".

A possible measure of SWP delivery reliability under 2001 conditions might be determined under a 2001B type of Model Run. Water availability from the area of origin under current conditions and 2001 Table A amounts (not maximum annual amount) can be used to determine delivery amounts. Nevertheless, for long term planning, Zone 7 will use the results of Model Run 2021B.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft report. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (925) 484-2600, extension 350, or via e-mail at vwong@zone7water.com.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vincent".

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