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Dear Mr. Arakawa:

Thank you for Metropolitan Water District's comments of October 23, 2002, on the Draft State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report. We welcome the interest this draft report has generated and are pleased to provide a response to your comments.

Your letter requests the report include:

1. Future CALFED ROD water augmentation projects and other efforts such as the Phase 8 Settlement Agreements and
2. A full-demand study for 2001 to provide information about what the State Water Project is capable of providing today.

The studies in the draft report can be viewed as conservative estimates for water deliveries in that they do not include any projects being sought for the future or pending agreements. The studies can also be viewed as overestimates of the delivery capability because of the possibility that regulations governing the SWP export operation may become more restrictive. The Department of Water Resources has chosen not to speculate about these types of elements in this report. The appropriateness of this approach can be revisited during the development of the next version of this report.

DWR has chosen to not include a study that maximizes the demand in every year for the current (2001) level of development. MWD demands for the 2001 study are based on information we received from MWD which takes into account the effect of local weather conditions in southern California. A study simulating 2021 conditions with full Table A deliveries assumed to be requested every year is included in the report. It is interesting to see that the results are very close to the results of the other studies assuming a variable demand. We believe these studies provide sufficient information for planning purposes.

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DWR plans to finalize the SWP Delivery Reliability Report in the near future. We recognize that this is an ongoing process and plan to revise the report at least every two years.

Your letter, as well as all others, commenting on the draft report and the corresponding responses will be included in an appendix to the final report. In addition, they are posted on the State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report website (<http://swpdelivery.water.ca.gov>).

If you need additional information or would like to discuss this further, please call me at (916) 653-1099. For further technical information, please call Francis Chung, Chief of DWR's Bay-Delta Office Modeling Support Branch, at (916) 653-5924.

Sincerely,

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