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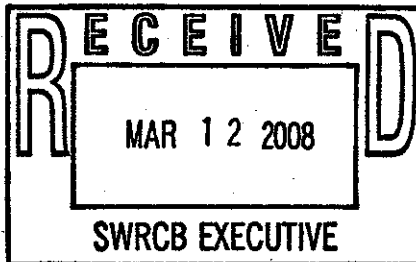
3/18/08 Bd. Mtg. Item 7
Lower Yuba River Accord
Deadline: 3/13/08 by 12 p.m.



March 12, 2008

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Tam M. Doduc, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, California 95812-2000



Re: COMMENT LETTER - 03/18/08 BOARD MEETING ITEM: LOWER
YUBA RIVER ACCORD DRAFT ORDER

Dear Chair Doduc:

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) has reviewed the Draft Order Approving the Petition for Modification and Petition for Long Term Transfer of Water submitted by the Yuba County Water Agency (Draft Order). CDFG staff participated in the hearings that led up to the adoption of RD-1644 and actively participated in the negotiation of the Fisheries Agreement that is a part of the Yuba Accord. CDFG now looks forward to continuing its involvement in the Yuba River Management Team and implementing the terms of the Fisheries Agreement on a long term basis. CDFG appreciates the enormous amount of staff time and effort that has been dedicated to this matter by the staff of the State Water Resources Control Board. CDFG also appreciates the careful attention to detail exhibited in the Draft Order and sensitivity to the importance of implementing the Yuba Accord over the alternative of continued litigation of this matter.

Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Service List
Sandy Morey, CDFG