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California Water Commission  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1148  
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Dear Commissioners:

This letter is to respectfully request reconsideration of the Commission's FY '97 support level for testing the electric fish barrier and flow distribution system at Reclamation District No. 108. In making its decision on funding level at the March 1, 1996 meeting, the Commission expressed its desire for comments from the Department of Fish and Game. Under separate cover you will receive a letter of support for continued testing of this alternative fish protection system from the Department.

In early March when the District's representatives traveled to Washington, D.C. for the appropriations hearing, Congressman Vic Fazio assured the District he would request the full \$1.1 million level of support for 1997. Contacts with congressional representatives and federal resource agency leaders in Washington, D.C. also were very positive in support of the District's fish barrier project and full funding request for FY '97. We request the Commission support Reclamation District No. 108's funding requirements in the amount of \$1.1 million.

It is our expectation that the current testing program will demonstrate that the electric fish barrier/flow distribution facility is a viable, lower-cost alternative to the positive screen barrier, and that further refinements during the final year of testing in 1997 will confirm its success as well as its usefulness at many other sites along the Sacramento River and elsewhere.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Emery Poundstone  
President

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The Resources Agency

Mr. Luther Hintz, Manager  
Reclamation District 108

April 4, 1996

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Dear Mr. Hintz,

I understand that you are seeking additional funding for calendar year 1997 for further experiments of the electrical barrier at your RD 108 diversion. At this time it would be premature for our agency to advocate any further study until after the results of the 1996 studies are complete. However, our regional staff would be willing to work closely with you in 1997 to develop the best possible experimental program in the event that those studies are approved and funded.

If I can be of any further help please call me or Mr. Nick Villa, Senior Fishery Biologist at (916) 358-2900.

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Regional Manager

CC: Nick Villa

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