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Dear Ms. Fry:

Thank you for your September 10, 2012, letter to NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), transmitting the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) and Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage Implementation Plan (Implementation Plan). The Implementation Plan addresses two specific actions set forth in the Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives (RPA) included in the 2009 NMFS Biological and Conference Opinion on the Long-term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project:

- RPA Action I.6.1: Restoration of Floodplain Rearing Habitat, through the increase of seasonal inundation within the lower Sacramento River basin; and
- RPA Action I.7: Reduce Migratory Delays and Loss of Salmon, Steelhead, and Sturgeon, through the modification of Fremont Weir and other structures of the Yolo Bypass.

Specifically the Implementation Plan describes these actions, objectives, performance measures, potential actions for further evaluation, process and implementation schedule, and proposed refinements. NMFS appreciates DWR and Reclamation time, effort, and communication towards developing this implementation plan. With this letter, NMFS concurs with the proposed implementation plan and looks forward to working with DWR and Reclamation towards the next steps of meeting the Implementation Plan's milestones and schedule.

Please contact Brycen Swart at (916) 930-3712, or via email at Brycen.Swart@noaa.gov, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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