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timing will be very important on your assessment for both the Water Board staff, other state agencies, such as Fish and Game, and the stakeholders, given the flow standard effort which is front-loaded in the year (through March/April); BDCP, also needing heavy input in the Spring; and the organization of the Delta governance group, NCCP conservation effort. Perhaps the first focus could be on actions needed to measure effectiveness--monitoring is a huge gap.

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Hi all -

I've revised EPA's contribution to the Federal Bay-Delta Workplan. I'd be interested in your reaction. - Karen

Water quality: EPA will assess the effectiveness of the current regulatory mechanisms that are designed to protect water quality in the Delta and its tributaries, including standards for toxics, nutrients and estuarine habitat protection. This assessment will be designed in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (?Water Boards?). In July 2008, the Water Boards adopted a ?Strategic Workplan for Activities in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary?. EPA will continue to support, technically and financially, many of the significant activities in the Water Boards? Strategic Workplan. Over the next several years, the State anticipates multiple point-source permit renewals, new state standards for the Southern Delta and lower San Joaquin River, and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for pesticides in the Central Valley and mercury in the Delta. EPA?s assessment will complement these ongoing state activities,

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as well as new requirements in the recent California legislation.

EPA?s assessment will be initiated via an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) that will summarize the water quality issues and solicit input on the array of water quality stressors and approaches to better protect water quality for all beneficial uses. Input will be specifically sought on the synergistic effects of various stressors, which are difficult to address under the current regulatory framework. EPA will evaluate and synthesize the input received and present recommendations to California regulators for their consideration in amending water quality standards and requirements. As part of this effort, EPA will work with the Water Boards to consider whether permitted point and nonpoint source dischargers are imposing unacceptable stresses on aquatic resources and, if so, what additional controls are appropriate. Findings will also be presented to the NAS as they develop their recommendations.

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