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Janet -
Apropos tomorrow's meeting of Westlands Water District with Bob P and Bob S, Westlands Water District met with Nancy Stoner on March 27. While we were not part of that meeting, I understand it was attended by Tom Birmingham, Catherine Karen, and an almond farmer. Bob P. likely met Tom Birmingham during his tenure as OW AA. The summary we received from OW indicated it was a "get to know us" meeting: Mr. Birmingham gave background on Westlands, their water efficiency, and on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. He expressed support for Region 9's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (February 2011, see below) and gave Nancy a copy of their comments. Nancy asked what he wanted from EPA; he said nothing at the time, but may be back in the future. Nancy asked him for several things, such as information on how they "value" water (as part of our CWA 40th anniversary and showing how valuable water is for our economy.) Here is the background information we forwarded to Teri P last week, in preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

Other topics related to EPA's activities in the Bay-Delta may arise. As noted above, Region 9 issued a Bay Delta ANPR soliciting input on several water-quality issues in the Bay Delta Estuary. This was a commitment in the Interim Federal Action Plan (December 2009). Here is our ANPR Fact Sheet and FAQs:

The ANPR was discussed when Westlands met with Nancy Stoner this past March. Westlands submitted comments in response to the ANPR, which can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/pdfs/comments/EPA-R09-OW-2010-0976-0037-1.pdf The two-paged Table of Contents summarizes their input. We have recently completed our assessment of the information received pursuant to the ANPR. Based on this assessment, we have drafted a document, Water Quality Challenges in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary: EPA's Action Plan, which articulates EPA's priorities. We plan to finalize this document in late June. A draft has recently been shared with the Office of Water and will be shared with other Federal agencies shortly. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

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