Alameda County Water District
Contra Costa Water District
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Ms. Gita Kapahi
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Subject: Urban Drinking Water Agency Input on Review of the 1995 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary

Dear Ms. Kapahi:

Alameda County Water District (ACWD), Contra Costa Water District (CCWD), Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), and Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) appreciate this opportunity to provide additional comments to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) regarding the scope of your review of the May 1995 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (1995 Plan).

Our agencies provide drinking water to more than 20 million people who rely on the Delta for their drinking water supply. Our agencies played active roles in the development of the 1995 Plan and intend to actively engage in the proposed review of the 1995 Plan. We were represented at the State Water Board's public workshop on January 8, 2004.

We recommend that the State Board consider as a topic either in this review or in another process the relationship between the Water Quality Control Plan and CALFED's goal of continuously improving Delta water quality for all uses, including drinking water uses. As CALFED implements projects to improve Delta drinking water quality, the Board may need to consider measures to ensure that those water quality gains are sustained.

Another important activity for the Board to support and be involved in is the development of a Central Valley drinking water policy by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Completion of this policy is critical to ensuring drinking water quality protection in the future. We would also urge the Board to work closely with the Central Valley Regional Board on programs to control new or expanded waste discharges with the potential to degrade drinking water quality in the Delta.

We look forward to working with the State Board as it reviews and updates the 1995 Plan. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Karl Stinson at (510) 668-6501, Greg Gartrell at (925) 688-8100, Tim Quinn at (916) 650-2600, or Walt Wadlow at (408) 265-2607 Extension 2071.

Sincerely,

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