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To: Armitage, Thomas; Aberasturi, Ramon SPK
Subject: RE: Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Friday, May 17, 2013 2:19:28 PM

Dear Mr. Aberasturi,

Thank you for your interest in this report. As Tom said, a draft will be made available for public comment prior to the panel review. In the meantime, I would be happy to answer any technical questions you have about the report or literature that we reviewed.

I would also be interested to learn more about your work in the Lower Tulare Lake Basin. Your commitment to reviewing all available sources of literature to make well-founded decisions for your District is highly commendable. Some of the most important information about watershed connectivity, including intermittent and ephemeral flows, is coming from regulatory efforts like yours.

Best regards,
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From: Armitage, Thomas
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To: Aberasturi, Ramon SPK
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Subject: RE: Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence (UNCLASSIFIED)

Dear Mr. Aberasturi,

Thank you for your email requesting a copy of the draft report, "Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence." EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) has requested that this report be reviewed by the Agency's Science Advisory Board (SAB). The EPA SAB Office is forming a panel to conduct the review. A panel meeting will be scheduled and announced in the Federal Register, and the draft report will be posted on the SAB website prior to the meeting. I am sending a copy of your email Dr. Laurie Alexander of EPA's Office of Research and Development. She is the EPA technical contact who can answer further questions you may have about the draft report.

Sincerely,

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Thomas,

This afternoon, I am reading the notice of your report, and it looks promising.

I work for the Sacramento District Regulatory Division, covering potential Section 404 actions in the lower San Joaquin Valley.

Often, establishing hydrologic connectivity and significant nexus for waters in Lower Tulare Lake Basin back up to the San Joaquin River requires my own review and assessment of available technical, legal, and regulatory literature, etc. I work with this information every day, e.g. currently, I, seem to be finding the limits for establishing a nexus for flood flows in southern Kern County ephemeral waters.

While, I'm not a renowned science expert, I do work hard, often in the field to establish a solid foundation for an idea or a finding, pushing it more from the bottom up.

I would really appreciate it if you could please orward a copy of your report to me.

I look forward to reading it.

Thank you.
Ramon Aberasturi

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