

**Amendment
to the
Conservation Agreement
Regarding the CALFED Bay-Delta Program
Multi-Species Conservation Strategy**

Whereas, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service and California Department of Fish and Game have completed review of the CALFED milestones, as described in the CALFED Record of Decision, and

Whereas, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, California Department of Fish and Game, and California Department of Water Resources have completed a review of the efficacy of the Environmental Water Account (EWA) during its first four years of implementation, and

Whereas, the California Department of Fish and Game concurs with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service that adequate progress is being made on the milestones towards reaching the conservation objectives of the CALFED Program and that the EWA has proven to be an efficacious management tool providing both benefits to at-risk fish species and water supply reliability such that the Program continues to be consistent with the California Department of Fish and Game's Natural Community Conservation Planning Act Program Approval, and

Whereas, the California Bay Delta Authority is developing a finance plan for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program including the Ecosystem Restoration Program and the EWA, and

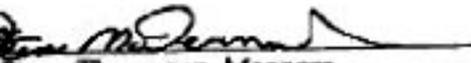
Whereas, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Natural Resources Conservation Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Resources Agency, California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Game (collectively "signatories") as signatories to the Conservation Agreement Regarding the Multi-Species Conservation Strategy (Conservation Agreement) dated August 28, 2000, seek to extend the Regulatory Commitments described therein through the end of Stage 1 (December 31, 2007) of CALFED implementation, and

Whereas, the Conservation Agreement provides that it may be amended by written agreement of all the parties.

Therefore, the signatories to the Conservation Agreement hereby amend the Conservation Agreement to extend the Regulatory Commitments, and related processes, as discussed in Section VIII of the Conservation Agreement, through December 31, 2007.

This amendment may be signed in counterparts.

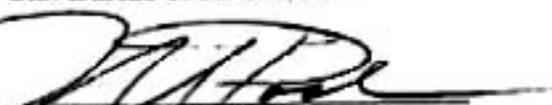
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Steve Thompson, Manager
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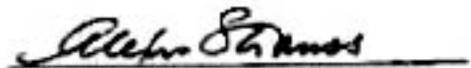
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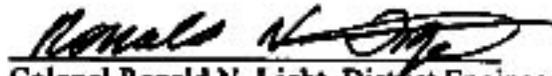
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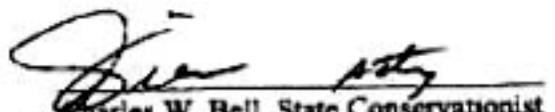
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for 
Wayne Natri, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

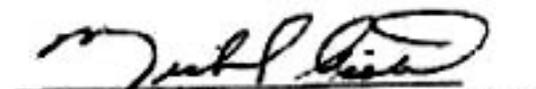
25 Sept. 2004
Date


Colonel Ronald N. Light, District Engineer
Sacramento District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Oct 12, 2004
Date


Charles W. Bell, State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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to 
Rodney R. McInnis, Regional Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service

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California Department of Water Resources Chief Deputy Director

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