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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the "California Water Commission's Draft Strategic Plan 2012".

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, (BIA) fully supports Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. recently issued Executive Order B-10-11. The Order reaffirmed his Administration's commitment to regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in policy decisions that have tribal implications. The California Water Commission (Commission) has a unique opportunity to implement this Order.

BIA recommends the word "tribal" should be inserted after the word "state" to acknowledge the sovereignty of Federally Recognized Tribes. The acknowledgement of tribes in your strategic plan will illustrate the Commission's commitment and Governor Brown's own policies to recognize the Native Americans and any benefits or negative impacts to Indian trust resources, cultural values, and traditional cultural properties.

The goal (with additions) as stated in the Draft Strategic Plan:

A Goal 3 C. Improve coordination between federal, state, tribal, and local public agencies and stakeholders

The Commission will engage other agencies and nongovernmental organizations on key water issues to improve coordination between federal, state, tribal, and local public agencies and other stakeholders regarding the construction and operation of water development and flood projects. (WC §1204.3)

If you have any questions, please contact Charles T Jachens, Regional Hydrologist, at (916) 978-6049 or Ron Recker, Chief, Division of Natural Resources, at (916) 978-6065.

Sincerely,

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