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April 4, 2007

Mayor Beverly Johnson
City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara
Alameda, CA 94501

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor Beverly Johnson and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Alameda, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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We ask that the City of Alameda support continuing the Restoration Fund at current levels by urging the NCPA to end their effort to reduce payments into the Restoration Fund. Doing so will help ensure that current levels of funding continue to be available to protect and restore our natural resources, and hopefully prevent the future listing of additional species.

Thank you for your consideration. We would be glad to discuss this with you further or provide you with more detailed comments related to the assessment of the environmental provisions of the CVPIA.

Sincerely,



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cc: Commissioner Chuck Bangert
Utility Director Girish Balachandran

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April 4, 2007

President Lynette Sweet
Bay Area Rapid Transit
P.O. Box 12688
Oakland, CA 94604

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Bay Area Rapid Transit District Board of Directors,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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cc: Commissioner Thomas Margro
Utility Director Frank Schultz

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April 4, 2007

Mayor John Busch
City of Biggs
P.O. Box 307
Biggs, CA 95917

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor John Busch and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Biggs, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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cc: Utility Director Pete Carr

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April 4, 2007

Mayor Jerry Ann Fitchter
City of Gridley
865 Kentucky Street
Gridley, CA 95948

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor Jerry Ann Fitchter and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Gridley, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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cc: Commissioner Thomas G. Sanford
Utility Director Jack Slota

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April 4, 2007

Mayor Gary Plass
City of Healdsburg
401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor Gary Plass and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Healdsburg, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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cc: Utility Director Bill Duarte

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April 5, 2007

Mayor Bob Johnson
City of Lodi
P. O. Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor Bob Johnson and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Lodi, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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cc: Utility Director George Marrow

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Mayor Dick DeWees
City of Lompoc
P.O. Box 8001
Lompoc, CA 93436

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor Dick De Wees and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Lompoc, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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cc: Commissioner Michael Siminski
Utility Director Ronald Stassi

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April 4, 2007

Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor Yoriko Kishimoto and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Palo Alto, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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We ask that the City of Palo Alto support continuing the Restoration Fund at current levels by urging the NCPA to end their effort to reduce payments into the Restoration Fund. Doing so will help ensure that current levels of funding continue to be available to protect and restore our natural resources, and hopefully prevent the future listing of additional species.

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cc: Utility Director Valerie Fong

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April 4, 2007

President Anthony A. Batarse, Jr.
Port of Oakland
530 Water Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear President Anthony A. Batarse, Jr. and Board of Port Commissioners,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the Port of Oakland, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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We ask that the Port of Oakland support continuing the Restoration Fund at current levels by urging the NCPA to end their effort to reduce payments into the Restoration Fund. Doing so will help ensure that current levels of funding continue to be available to protect and restore our natural resources, and hopefully prevent the future listing of additional species.

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cc: Comissioner David Peixotto
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April 5, 2007

Mayor Dick Dickerson
City of Redding
P. O. Box 496071
Redding, CA 96049

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor Dick Dickerson and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Redding, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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cc: Utility Director James Feider

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April 4, 2007

Mayor Jim Gray
City Of Roseville
311 Vernon
Roseville, CA 95678

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor Jim Gray and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Roseville, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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cc: Utility Director Tom Habashi

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April 5, 2007

Mayor Patricia M. Mahan
City of Santa Clara
1500 Warburton Ave
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor Patricia M. Mahan and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Santa Clara, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

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cc: Utility Director Junona Jonas

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April 4, 2007

Mayor Mari Roden
City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration Fund

Dear Mayor Mari Roden and Honorable Councilmembers,

We are writing to request that the member agencies of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), including the City of Ukiah, support the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund at its current funding level. The CVPIA mandates changes in management of the Central Valley Project, particularly for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife. The Restoration Fund is critical to make mitigation and restoration efforts possible on streams and in wildlife refuges in the Central Valley, in the San Francisco Bay-Delta and on the Trinity River. At a time when pelagic fish populations, including endangered Delta smelt, are at historically low levels, Central valley salmon are declining, and restoration projects on the Trinity River are well behind schedule, we do not believe it is prudent to consider reductions to the Restoration Fund, as has been suggested by NCPA.

For the past year, we have participated, along with the Northern California Power Agency and other interested parties, in the CVPIA Program Activity Review. The purpose of this effort, led by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is to evaluate performance of the restoration programs authorized by the CVPIA and to evaluate the degree to which the restoration goals of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act have been met. One goal of the assessment is to determine if the environmental provisions of the Act have been completed and whether a reduction in the collections into the Restoration Fund is warranted. While there have been many diverging stakeholder perspectives throughout this process, nearly all participants have agreed that the goals of the CVPIA have not yet been achieved and therefore no reduction in the fund is justified. The NCPA stands out as one party that seeks to reduce contributions to the fund.¹

¹ See March 6, 2007, letter from General Manager James H. Pope to Regional Directors Kirk Rodgers and Steve Thompson

We ask that the City of Ukiah support continuing the Restoration Fund at current levels by urging the NCPA to end their effort to reduce payments into the Restoration Fund. Doing so will help ensure that current levels of funding continue to be available to protect and restore our natural resources, and hopefully prevent the future listing of additional species.

Thank you for your consideration. We would be glad to discuss this with you further or provide you with more detailed comments related to the assessment of the environmental provisions of the CVPIA.

Sincerely,



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