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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF CESPD-PDP (FRM-PCX)

28 August 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEMP-SPD-RIT, Pauline Acosta

SUBJECT: FRM-PCX Transmittal of Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) Report for the Sutter Basin Pilot Feasibility Draft Report – Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

1. Reference: EC 1165-2-214, Civil Works Review, 15 December 2012.

2. Enclosed please find a copy of the subject Final IEPR Report, dated 19 August 2013. Pursuant to Reference 1, the enclosed report is available for posting on the HQUSACE public website.

3. The IEPR was managed by Battelle Memorial Institute. The review panel consisted of 4 panel members with expertise in civil works economics, biology/ecology, geotechnical engineering/civil engineering, and hydraulics/hydrologic (H&H) engineering. The review resulted in 19 final panel comments – 1 comment was rated as having high significance, 15 comments were rated as having medium significance, and 3 comments were rated as having low significance. See the report for a summary of the comments and individual comments.

4. For further information, please contact the undersigned at (415) 503-6852, or Anastasiya Kononova, PCX IEPR lead at (410) 962-2558.

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