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Dear Governor Brown

I will be retiring from State service at the end of this month.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to work for you the past three years. With your leadership, it has been possible to move the Bay Delta Conservation Plan from a conceptual framework to a draft plan and Environmental Impact Statement and Report ready for public comment.

I want to emphasize how important your personal involvement in BDCP has been. Without the adoption of a proposed project by you and Secretary of Interior Salazar last year, it is unlikely that the state and federal water contractors would have had the confidence to continue to fund the BDCP program.

With the publication of the BDCP and the EIR/S in the federal register on December 13, the Plan should be completed and approved in 2014. While additional permits will be required, it is virtually certain that the plan will be implemented.

I look forward to doing whatever I can in the future to support completion and implementation of a Bay Delta Conservation Plan which will achieve the co-equal goals of ecosystem restoration and water supply reliability, while fully respecting the values treasured by those who live, work, and recreate in the Delta.

Sincerely,

Jerry Meral