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December 12, 2008

Mr. Mike Finnegan
Mr. Federico Barajas
Bureau of Reclamation, MP Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA. 95825-1898

RE: Draft Legislation 8-6-08 (SLU Drainage "Alternative Plan")

Dear Mr. Finnegan and Mr. Barajas:

Attached is a copy of our letter of August 15, 2008 signed by 17 organizations representing more than 40,000 members and one individual commenting on the Drainage Legislation Working Group Discussion Draft dated August 6, 2008. Additionally, The Redwood Empire Chapter of Trout Unlimited has joined in submitting these comments.

The issues we raised in our previous letter essentially have not been addressed in the revised draft legislation. For this reason, we resubmit these comments in their entirety in response to the revised November 26, 2008 draft legislation and ask that they be reviewed again to revise further any draft legislation, that we receive a response to these comments, and that they be made a part of the record.

We look forward to our further discussion today of the November 26 draft of the proposed legislation.

Also, we look forward to your response to our comments, and we thank you for that in advance.

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Yours very truly,

Friends of Trinity River
s/Byron Leydecker, Chair

Environmental Working Group
s/Bill Walker, Vice President/West Coast

Planning and Conservation League
s/Charlotte Hodde, Water Policy Analyst

Friends of the River
s/Steve Evans, Conservation Director

Northcoast Environmental Center
s/Greg King, Executive Director

California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
s/Bill Jennings, Chairman, Executive Director

Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers
s/Mark Rockwell, Conservation Director

California Water Impact Network
s/Carolee Krieger, President

Trout Unlimited
s/Stan Griffin,
Northern California Conservation Chair

Clean Water Action
s/Jennifer Clary, Policy Analyst

Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
s/Zeke Grader, Executive Director

California Save Our Streams Council
s/Lloyd Carter, President

California Trout, Inc.
s/Brian Stranko, Chief Executive Officer

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
s/Karen Schambach

Restore the Delta
s/Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Campaign Director

Butte Environmental Council
s/Lynn Barris, Water Policy Analyst

Felix Smith
s/Felix Smith, Retired USF&WS Biologist

Public Trust Alliance
s/Michael Warburton, Executive Director

The Redwood Empire Chapter Trout Unlimited
s/Brian Hines, Treasurer

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Barbara Boxer
The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Honorable Nick Rahall
The Honorable George Miller
The Honorable Mike Thompson
The Honorable Grace Napolitano
The Honorable Darrell Steinberg
The Honorable Karen Bass
The Honorable Mike Machado
The Honorable Wesley Chesbro
The Honorable Lois Wolk
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