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MEMORANDUM

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To: Director, Policy and Administration
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From: David G. Murillo
Regional Director

FOR *David R. Anselmi*

Subject: Mid-Pacific Region Nomination for Basin Study Funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014

The MP Region is pleased to nominate the Salinas and Carmel River Basins Study for funding under the Bureau of Reclamation's FY14 Basin Study Program as described below.

The MP Region is proposing to work cooperatively with four non-Federal partner agencies in the development of this basin study for FY14.

The Salinas and Carmel River Basins include portions of San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties, as well as the Monterey Peninsula in California. The Salinas and Carmel Basins have a long history of periodic and prolonged droughts punctuated by devastating floods. With reliance on annual rainfall and limited upstream reservoir capacity, the Salinas and Carmel Rivers experience wide fluctuations in runoff. Historical groundwater production trends are leading to seawater intrusion in the north and groundwater level declines in the Paso Robles area. These conditions make the Salinas and Carmel River Basins particularly susceptible to the effects of climate change.

Four non-Federal partners have proposed to participate with Reclamation in the development of the Salinas and Carmel River Basins Study, as indicated in the attached letters of interest. These agencies include the San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. These agencies have authority to manage water resources in their respective jurisdictions and are eligible to cooperate with Reclamation in the proposed study.

If you have questions or need information regarding our FY14 nomination of the Salinas and Carmel River Basins Study, please contact Ms. Michelle H. Denning, Regional Planning Officer, at 916-978-5062 or mdenning@usbr.gov.

Attachments - 3

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