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In reply refer to:
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Mr. Bob Meyer, Chief of Operation and Maintenance
Attn: Nicholas Becker
Monterey County Water Resources Agency
P.O. Box 930
Salinas, CA 93902

RE: MCWRA's Report on the 2006 Functional Exercise for the Nacimiento Dam EAP

Dear Mr. Meyer:

We received Mr. Becker's November 17, 2006 letter submitting MCWRA's Report on the 2006 Functional Exercise for the Nacimiento Dam EAP (Emergency Action Plan). The critique was well prepared and complied with our EAP Guidelines. The report acknowledged several participants misinterpreted the inundation maps and recommended more training with these maps. FERC's new policy (introduced in our April 11, 2006) letter requires an annual meeting and review of the EAP with all plan holders. During this meeting your staff should carefully explain what the maps are based on and how they should be used during an emergency.

The submittal is accepted as satisfying our EAP requirements. For your planning purposes table top and functional exercises of the EAP are required on a five year schedule. Since this round of exercises for Nacimiento Dam were required to be performed on or before October 2007, the next exercise for Nacimiento Dam is required on or before October 31, 2012. We appreciate your efforts in this important public safety matter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jill Eichbauer at (415) 369-3362.

Sincerely,

JOHN SCOTT

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Regional Engineer