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Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Attn: Mr. Larry Hampson

P.O. Box 85

Monterey, CA 93942

Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Basin Study Selection – *Salinas and Carmel Rivers Basin Study*

Dear Mr. Hampson:

Thank you for your interest in the Bureau of Reclamation's Basin Study Program. I am pleased to inform you that your proposal is one of two studies selected for funding in FY 2015. Reclamation anticipates contributing Federal funds in the amount of \$950,000 toward the completion of the proposed study.

Mr. Arlan Nickel, the Mid-Pacific Regional Basin Study Coordinator, will contact you shortly to begin the process of developing a Memorandum of Agreement and Plan of Study. We look forward to working with you to address the critical water needs of the Salinas and Carmel River Basins.

If you have any questions regarding the selection process, please contact Ms. Amanda Erath at (303) 445-2766 or [aerath@usbr.gov](mailto:aerath@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,

Roseann Gonzales

Director, Policy and Administration

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