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Mr. Thaddeus Bettner  
General Manager  
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P.O. Box 150  
Willows, CA 95988

Subject: Coordination of the Painter's Riffle Anadromous Fish Habitat Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Bettner:

I would like to thank you, your staff, and the board members of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) for your part in constructing the Painter's Riffle Anadromous Fish Habitat Enhancement Project. We appreciate GCID's patience, dedication, and attention to our interagency relationships as we discussed and resolved all the complex issues that arose as we worked on the river, as well as your quick and efficient completion of the project between December 1 and December 15, 2014.

It proved highly effective for GCID to construct the project while Reclamation provided environmental compliance and technical assistance with permits. I believe both agencies exceeded expectations under our Memorandum of Understanding (May 20, 2014). Because of our innovative partnership, we will see the benefits of improved fish habitat this year, well ahead of what we could accomplish without you.

You have helped Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service advance our obligations to improve anadromous fish habitat on the Sacramento River as we operate our facilities and implement the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. This effort also completes a key project identified by the Golden Gate Salmon Association in their multi-agency Salmon Rebuilding Plan. We will continue to benefit and apply lessons learned from our partnership to future Sacramento River anadromous fish improvements. We look forward to future partnership opportunities.

Sincerely,

*David G. Murillo*

FOR David G. Murillo  
Regional Director