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Dear BDCP Steering Committee Members and Friends

I look forward to working with all of you in successfully completing and implementing the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. It is a huge challenge, but I know that with a cooperative attitude, and a dedication to meeting the co-equal goals of environmental quality and water supply established by the Legislature, we can be successful.

Since taking on the BDCP assignment, several people have asked me to explain how direction is given to technical consultants working on BDCP. After exploring this question, I have sent the attached memo to Paul Cylinder of SAIC and Chuck Gardner of the Hallmark Group to document the process for directing technical consultants. If you have any questions about this issue, please feel free to contact me at [jerry.meral@resources.ca.gov](mailto:jerry.meral@resources.ca.gov). Please use this email address for all communications regarding BDCP.

I am setting up meetings with interest groups that have both formally and informally participated in the Steering Committee process, and many others, in the next few weeks. With the feedback gained from these meetings, I look forward to a transparent and inclusive public process focused on resolving major outstanding issues. Your input, assistance, and participation are what will make BDCP successful, and I really welcome and appreciate your involvement.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Meral".

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Dear Chuck and Paul,

This memorializes my discussions with both of you. SAIC and other Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) consultants will only respond to those requests for work or changes to existing work that are directed by the Department of Water Resources, in consultation with the BDCP management team. Requests from outside organizations will be considered by the management team.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald".

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