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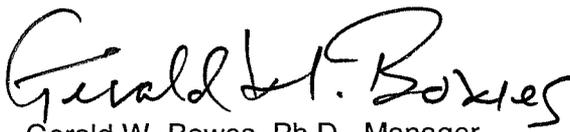
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TO: Renee A. Purdy
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FROM: 
Gerald W. Bowes, Ph.D., Manager
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Office of Research, Planning, and Performance

DATE: January 18, 2011

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTERNAL PEER REVIEWERS : Proposed Dominguez Channel and Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Waters TMDL/Basin Plan Amendment

In response to your request for peer reviewers for the subject noted above, the University of California identified candidates it considered qualified to perform this assignment. Each candidate was required to complete and sign a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form and send it to me for review.

During the course of reviewing the disclosure forms, I contacted candidates for clarification on certain topics. I approved candidates as reviewers if they were able to affirm there is nothing in their background:

- a) that might be reasonably construed by others as affecting their judgment; and
- b) that might constitute an actual or potential source of bias.

Approval also required an affirmation they could perform an objective and independent review.

I provided reviewers with the attached January 7, 2009, Supplement to our peer review guidelines. The Supplement provides rules of conduct for both the organization requesting the review and the reviewers, in part to ensure the review process is kept confidential through its course. **Reviewers' identities can be made known only after the reviews have been received by the requesting organization.**

The approved reviewers are identified below.

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Biographical information for the approved reviewers is provided with this memorandum.

Please contact your reviewers right away telling them when you will transmit the material. They have accepted the assignment based on the date of availability given in your letter of request to me. If preparation of the material is delayed, ask them if the new date is acceptable, including me as a "cc." If subsequent delays occur, inform the reviewers and me as soon as possible

Ask your reviewers if they would like to receive the material to be reviewed electronically or as a hard copy, or both; and if the address given above is a preferred mailing address for hard copies.

Provide a cover letter to initiate the review. Include with it your original letter of request for reviewers to me, attached. This was provided to them by UC during the solicitation process, but may not be readily at hand. Inform the reviewers their review must:

- (1) Follow the guidance provided in Attachment 2; and
- (2) Address the topics listed in Attachment 2 **in the order given**, as expertise allows.

Revisions: If any part of the initial request has been revised, describe the revisions in your new cover letter, and stamp "REVISED" on each revised page.

Please send me an electronic copy of your cover letter to reviewers and an electronic copy of each review.

If I can provide additional assistance, please contact me at any time during the review process.

Attachments (4)

cc: Rik Rasmussen, State Water Resources Control Board
Frances McChesney, Office of Chief Counsel, SWRCB