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The Honorable Michael Chrisman  
Secretary, The Resources Agency  
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Subject: Central Valley Steelhead

Dear Mr. Chrisman:

On May 10, 2005, after a three month delay, Department of Fish and Game Director Ryan Brodrick sent us his response to concerns we expressed in our January 9 letter to him and later discussed with he and his staff. We regret that he was indisposed and was unable to attend our meeting with you that day, because we would then have had the opportunity to clarify that a non-response of the type we have received would be inappropriate (please see enclosure).

Since our meeting with you we have considered the seriousness of the issues we have raised with the Department's treatment of the Central Valley steelhead question and the Director's unresponsive reply to our concerns. We believe the situation justifies this additional request to you that the State clearly indicate its current position concerning the diminished condition of naturally occurring Central Valley steelhead to assure that they do not become extinct.

The best way to clarify this Administration's steelhead trout policy is to state it in such a manner that it is clearly understandable to the public. In our April 20 letter to you we outlined some ways in which trust in the Public Trust policies of the State may be accomplished. As a part of a position statement responding to such suggestions we ask that the State's long-standing policy of achieving a doubling in the steelhead population by 2010 be reaffirmed.

We respectfully request a timely written response to our suggestions. Should we not hear from you by July 1 we shall act to assure that the State's position, as represented by the letter to NOAA Fisheries, the rebutting scientific peer review studies and related correspondence, is made public.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure