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Ecological Monitoring & Assessment Framework, Stream Ecosystem Profile: Coyote Creek Watershed Report dated March 31, 2011

Dear Mr. Gage:

I am writing on behalf of the California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup to express appreciation for the presentation given to us by Louisa Squires of the Water District's staff on your Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Framework and how you have recently applied it in the Coyote Creek Watershed.

We were struck by the depth and breadth of the Framework, its consistency with the "1-2-3 Framework" of CA Water Quality Monitoring Council's Wetland and Riparian Area Monitoring Strategy, and the high quality of the data you have developed. We also value the degree to which you linked the monitoring data to clear management questions. We are especially impressed with the consistency between your use of the framework and other regional, statewide, and even national applications.

We believe your report will be of interest to other water districts, flood control agencies, local government, as well as state and federal agencies that are exploring innovative ways to implement the newly adopted monitoring strategy.

We look forward to future collaboration with the District as you continue to expand your wetland and riparian monitoring efforts throughout your areas of interest. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 916-521-8021 or by email at cjwilson@dfg.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig J. Wilson".

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