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**Subject: Invitation to April 2 Pre-Workshop Gathering for Tribes
California Water Plan Update 2009**

Dear Leaders, Members, and Staff of Sacramento River Region Tribes:

By now you have received our February 25, 2008, invitation to the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) 2008 Regional Workshops, to be held in March and April. The Workshop for the Sacramento River Region will take place on April 2 in Yuba City. The Sacramento River Region includes the watershed from Modoc County Solano County. You are receiving this letter because your Tribe is located within a county that is encompassed in whole or in part by this region.

Please join DWR for a pre-workshop "Tribes only" gathering at 9 a.m. on April 2 at the Regional Workshop site in Yuba City (1425 Veterans Memorial Circle). DWR wishes to hear your concerns about water issues in advance of the open Workshop, and to give you an idea of what to expect in the Workshop. This will be followed by an open Regional Workshop starting at 10:00 a.m. The open workshop announcement and agenda are enclosed.

As stated in our February 25 invitation letter, DWR wants Tribal water issues included in the California Water Plan Update 2009. Many tribes attended a Water Plan meeting at Big Valley Rancheria on January 28, 2008, and told DWR of some critical issues in their areas and throughout the state. The concerns and ideas from that Tribal meeting are being carried forward into regional workshops. Each workshop has a specific regional focus. Your invitation to these workshops included a schedule, map, and other materials for all workshops. These are also available at www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/regional/workshops/index.cfm. Announcements for each meeting are posted to this web site as they become available.

If members and staff of your Tribe are planning to join us on April 2, RSVP at your earliest convenience to: Tito Cervantes, (530) 529-7389, or cervante@water.ca.gov.

If you have questions about the pre-workshop gathering please contact me at (916) 651-9291, (email jwoodlin@water.ca.gov). You or your staff may also contact Tito Cervantes, or DWR Tribal Liaison Barbara Cross at (916) 653-5150 (email bcross@water.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John K. Woodling".

John K. Woodling, Acting Division Chief
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Enclosure