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To Responsible and Interested Parties:

Semitropic Water Storage District (Semitropic) is pleased to provide the Delta Wetlands Project (Project) Draft Place of Use EIR (Draft EIR), and welcomes your review and comment. Semitropic is the Project proponent and lead agency under CEQA.

Semitropic operates the Semitropic Groundwater Storage Bank (Kern County) and has a vested interest in the Antelope Valley Water Bank (East Kern County), which together (i.e. Semitropic Bank) is one of the largest groundwater banks in the United States, all for the benefit of irrigators within the district and provides drought protection for urban agencies from San Francisco to San Diego.

In 2007, Semitropic entered into an agreement with Delta Wetlands to integrate the Project into its groundwater banking operations, expanding the utility and flexibility of both enterprises.

The Project will enhance Semitropic's agricultural water supply, bank water in the Semitropic Bank and provide water to the following places of use: *Semitropic, Golden State Water Company, Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County, and the member agencies in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.* Project water would be conveyed to the places of use via existing and previously approved facilities.

The Project was analyzed in a Final EIR issued by the State Water Resources Control Board in January 2001 and a Draft EIR issued in September 1995. The primary aspects of the Project are substantially unchanged from the Project as analyzed in the 2001 Final EIR. This Draft EIR analyzes changes to the Project, new information, and changed circumstances and identifies the specific places of use for Project water. The 2001 Final EIR is incorporated in this Draft EIR by reference.

There is a 45-day review period for this Draft EIR, and written comments must be received by Monday, June 28, 2010. Please send written comments to [DeltaWetlandsComments@icfi.com](mailto:DeltaWetlandsComments@icfi.com), or to:

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Public meetings may be held to describe the Project and receive comments on the Draft EIR. If you are interested in attending a public comment meeting, please notify Ms. Smith at one of the addresses above. Semitropic looks forward to receiving your input on the Project.

Sincerely Yours,

Wilmar L. Boschman  
General Manager