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Brad and Dave,
FYI, looks like Secretary Zinke is primed to make Scenario 6 go away, so please make sure your folks bring this topic up in the meeting tomorrow.

Thanks,

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From: Cameron, Scott <scott_cameron@ios.doi.gov>

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Subject: California Water Fix and NOAA/NMFS ESA role; meeting with Sec. Zinke tomorrow

To: ebanstad@doc.gov

Hi Eric,

As I mentioned, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Met) will be visiting with Secretary Zinke at 2 pm on Tuesday. The Secretary would like a NOAA/NMFS representative to join him in the meeting.

I understand that one of the issues Met is likely to raise relative to the California WaterFix final EIS is the prospect of the upcoming NOAA/NMFS biological opinion under the Endangered Species Act possibly applying so-called "Scenario 6" requirements. I am told that Scenario 6 would apply water operational restrictions based on ESA Section 10 takings conditions in what is now a less stringent Section 7 consultation context. The legal standard for section 7 is "jeopardy", which is less stringent than the section 10 takings framework. In other words, Met and other water users are concerned that NMFS is poised to over-regulate.

We are at 1849 C Street NW. It would be best if your representative arrived at the entrance around 1:45 pm. He/she can call me upon arrival, and I will bring him/her up to the Secretary's office.

Thanks very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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