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Ms. Paula Dinerstein
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Dear Ms. Dinerstein:

This responds to your February 19, 2016 letter requesting that we review the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation financial assistance agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program.

We have carefully reviewed the information you provided to us and gathered additional information about the agreement. Based on this information we have decided to conduct a review into the issues raised in your letter and we expect to commence our work on this matter this month. We do not intend to expand our ongoing review that you refer to in your letter to encompass this matter as that could delay completion of that audit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-208-5745 or Nancy DiPaolo, Director of External Affairs, at 202-208-4357.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary L. Kendall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Mary L. Kendall
Deputy Inspector General