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Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:46 AM
To: David Hensley
Cc: Stephen Goodson
Subject: RE: ESPA Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan

I plan to provide a letter by Wednesday of next week. But, there's no reason to hold back. Here's our statement commitment.

And, to give credit where credit is due: the meeting on Tuesday was a fine example of leadership by the Governor. Thank you.

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Subject: ESPA Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan
Importance: High

The Governor wants to again express his appreciation for your attendance and participation in Tuesday's meeting.

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Governor Otter wanted to reiterate the following to ensure we are all on the same page:

- He remains committed to CAMP;
- He wants all members of CAMP, including the implementation committee members, to reaffirm their commitment: to stay at the table over the course of the next year to work on a long-term funding mechanism and process for prioritizing and selecting projects on the ESPA in the future; to work collaboratively to minimize the risk of future challenges to CAMP; to identify projects this year that will demonstrate to the water users and public the range of benefits those groups will receive from this effort; and
- The Governor understands the concerns associated with moving ahead on legislation at this time. Hence, legislation will not occur this year. In lieu of legislation this session, the Governor would offer to use the \$1M he recommended and the \$1.2M from the Water Board to fund grants for projects commencing in 2010 that have committed funding from project sponsors.
 - The criteria for selecting projects this year will include, among other things, an analysis of whether the project decreases demand on the aquifer from existing ground and surface water rights, increases supply to those rights suffering shortages, or improves the health of the aquifer.
- Proposed Timeline:
 - **March 3, 2010**—reaffirm your commitment to the CAMP process and willingness to work on a long-term funding mechanism and process for prioritizing and selecting projects on the ESPA. You can simply respond to this e-mail:

Yes, [The Nature Conservancy](#) remains committed.

No, _____ elects not to continue to support CAMP.
 - **March 12, 2010**—deadline for project submission to the CAMP Implementation Committee. Information should include an estimate of how much non-state money is being committed to the project.
 - **May 3, 2010**—CAMP Implementation Committee will provide input and rate the projects for the Water Board.
 - **June 1, 2010**—Water Board/Governor decide which projects proceed and level of state funds committed to each project.
 - The amount of State funding will depend on three things: (1) how much is appropriated at the end of the session; (2) how many approved projects we have; and (3) the cost of the projects.
- If a group agrees to stay at the table, but does not have a project which it commits to help fund in 2010, then the group is only responsible for staying at the table to work in good faith on solutions for the next year.
- You need to help ensure through your legislators there is state money for projects this year. You need to talk to JFAC members and your legislators and explain the importance of the funding

this year.