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Dear Dr. Fish:

The University of California is requesting renewal of the CA CESU Agreement for another five year period. We have been authorized to submit this renewal request on behalf of the University of California and all of the CA CESU partners. We have been in operation since July 2, 2003 and have served as the administrative host here at the College of Natural Resources, University of California, Berkeley. In coordination with your office and using the format and questions from the national CESU website, we have assessed our progress and success in meeting the intent of the CESU agreement. The attached document constitutes our renewal package.

We endeavored to provide useful information that you and the national council members could use in making a determination relative to our agreement being renewed. We queried our partners for necessary information they felt was important to include. The CA CESU Executive Steering Committee was asked to review the draft document. Each of the partners was asked if they wished to continue as members. We used our annual CA CESU Steering Committee meeting on November 5, 2007 to discuss and receive direct input from those in attendance. The contributions were captured in our summary report. We believe that the report is comprehensive, including agreement summaries from all nine federal partners. We believe that it captures the increasing use and significances of the CA CESU Agreement.

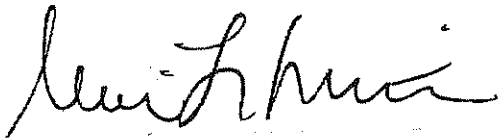
We continue to believe that the CESU instrument and the cooperative nature of this research are of great benefit for federal managers and for collaborating researches. We anticipate that this instrument will be used more during the next five year period than the one just completed. The level of expertise available to the nine federal partner agencies is tremendous in size and scope. We believe that the challenge faced by our federal agencies, as they work to manage

the natural resources under their jurisdiction in California and beyond, will be helped by the cooperative ventures they enter as they make use of the CA CESU Agreement. We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have need for additional information or find things we inadvertently left out please contact us.

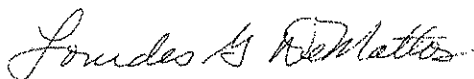
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