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DATE: March 6, 2003

RE: Assessment of Water Addition Scenarios at Lake Merced

As part of the SFPUC effort to raise water levels at Lake Merced, baseline field surveys of the terrestrial and wetland environments have been conducted. The data gathered during the field surveys will be used to assess the environmental impacts of elevated water levels. The results of these surveys are contained in the attached *Field Surveys, Technical Memorandum*, (EDAW, February, 2003). In addition, a vegetation map identifying the plant communities at Lake Merced is available, upon request.

This work is being conducted under the EDAW/Talavera and Richardson contract dated August 1, 2002; field survey work is Task 2 of the EDAW work plan "Assessment of Water Additional Scenarios to Lake Merced."

Please provide written comments regarding the attached memorandum by **March 31, 2003** to Joan Ryan, SFPUC/Planning, 1145 Market Street, Suite 401, San Francisco, CA 94103 or via email to www.sfwater.org.

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