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Subject: Water for America - Basin Study Program – Yakima Basin Study Proposal

Dear Mr. Sandison:

I am writing to express the support of the Sunnyside Division for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Ecology's Water for America - Yakima Basin Study Proposal. The Sunnyside Division provides irrigation water to nearly 100,000 acres of farmland and cities in the lower Yakima Valley. The Water for America Basin Study Program would provide substantial funding for the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project 2009 Work Group efforts to develop a Comprehensive Water Resource Management Implementation Plan for the Yakima Basin. The completed plan will be the culmination of decades of study and is the needed blueprint to better manage our precious water supplies for a variety of vital in-stream and out of stream uses.

I look forward to participation on the 2009 Work Group and engaging in the implementation planning process.

Sincerely,

James W. Trull  
General Manager