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Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for providing an opportunity for Reclamation's Pacific Northwest Regional Office (Reclamation) to comment on your Columbia Basin Data Center proposal. We agree that standards, integrity, gaps and sharing or networking are the fundamental concerns in data management. We support the idea to coordinate data management activities, and we appreciate the leadership role that you have taken in this area. We have some concerns about the timeliness and scope of this proposal that we would like an opportunity to discuss with other Federal Caucus members before we reply to the Council with substantive comments.

Reclamation has made a significant contribution to data collection and management in the Pacific Northwest in its AGRIMET and HYDROMET databases. Reclamation is participating in the Northwest Environmental Data network (NED), and in the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) to coordinate project and fish status databases.

Reclamation will respond more substantially to the Data Center proposal after conferring with its Caucus partners.

Sincerely,

Kate Puckett
Acting CSRO Program Manager

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