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Attached please find the executed copy of the Cachuma Project Final EIR joint comment letter. Some of you will receive a hard copy as well.

Thank you,

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*VIA MAIL & EMAIL*

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Re: CACHUMA PROJECT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON THE  
CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO U.S. BUREAU OF  
RECLAMATION'S WATER RIGHT PERMITS 11308 AND 11310  
(APPLICATIONS 11331 AND 11332) ("CACHUMA PROJECT PROCEEDING")

Dear Ms. Farwell:

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ("SYRWCD"), Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1 ("I.D. No. 1") and Cachuma Conservation Release Board ("CCRB") previously commented on the State Water Resources Control Board's 2003 DEIR, the 2007 RDEIR and, most recently, the 2<sup>nd</sup> RDEIR, for the above-referenced Cachuma Project Proceeding.

SYRWCD, I.D. No. 1 and CCRB have reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Cachuma Project, including the responses to comments, and do not object to the State Water Resources Control Board's inclusion of the FEIR in the administrative record for the Cachuma Project Proceeding. SYRWCD, I.D. No. 1 and CCRB hereby reserve all rights to participate fully in any future evidentiary hearings or other administrative processes relating to the Cachuma Project Proceeding including, without limitation, the right to cross-examine or directly examine all witnesses and to submit rebuttal evidence.

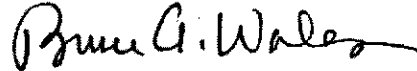
SYRWCD, I.D. No. 1 and CCRB do have a few suggested clarifications and corrections that we believe should be made to avoid any confusion in future proceedings. They are as follows:

1. The FEIR states that "Alternative 4B is not feasible and should not be considered." (FEIR, Vol. II, pp. ES-10, 6.0-4 (emphasis added).) However, certain responses to comments state that "Alternative 4B is not considered a feasible alternative and should be considered." (E.g., FEIR, Vol. I, Response 9-44, p. 2.0-112, Response 9-49, p. 2.0-114 (emphasis added).) We suggest either deleting the added phrase or inserting "not" after "should."
2. Response 11-11 to SYRWCD and I.D. No. 1 comments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> RDEIR, refers to Alternative 3B. (FEIR, Vol. I, p. 2.0-153.) We believe the reference in Response 11-11 was intended to and should be to Alternative 3C, which was the only alternative that was the subject of our Comment 11.
3. Table 3-2 (Key Elements of the Alternatives) and Table 4-1 (Operational Elements Used to Model Alternatives) of Volume II of the FEIR both contain the following footnote: "*As modified by the Settlement Agreement for 3C.*" (FEIR, Vol. II, pp. 3.0-12, 4.2-11.) However, Table 3-2 indicates that the footnote should be described as footnote "1" and that it is intended to apply only to the first element in each table described as: "Releases for downstream water rights pursuant to Order WR 89-18." If so, then the "1" on Table 3-2 should also be on Table 4-1, and the footnote for each table should be designated as footnote "1."
4. Response 11-51 to SYRWCD and I.D. No. 1 comments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> RDEIR refers to Alternative 4B. We believe the reference to Response 11-51 was intended to and should be to Alternatives 5B and 5C, which were the only alternatives that were the subject of our Comment 51.

SYRWCD, I.D. No. 1 and CCRB appreciate your preparation of the FEIR, including consideration of our prior comments on the 2003 DEIR, 2007 RDEIR and 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> RDEIR, and your consideration of the above-suggested clarifications and corrections to the FEIR. Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding any of our comments, please contact the undersigned.

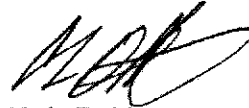
Sincerely,

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