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(6/22/16) Public Hearing
Drinking Water Fee
Deadline: 6/22/16 by 5:00pm
CARY KEATEN
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ATTORNEYS

June 21, 2016

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814



Re: Comments regarding SWRCB Draft Drinking Water Fee Regulations

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Solano Irrigation District (SID; District) is a public agency responsible for providing water service to the City of Suisun City, rural communities surrounding the cities of Vacaville, Fairfield, and Dixon, serving a total of more than 11,000 retail connections. The District appreciates the opportunity to comment on the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) draft Drinking Water Fee Regulations released for public comment on April 29, 2016 (Draft Fee Regulations).

The District recognizes that the final Fee Regulations must ensure that the Drinking Water Program has adequate funding. However, we are concerned the Draft Fee Regulations do not equitably allocate Drinking Water Program costs among fee payers. We also encourage the SWRCB to take steps to ensure that the Drinking Water Program maintains its accountability to public water systems and the customers we serve. The District supports the Association of California Water Agencies' comments and suggested amendments to the Draft Fee Regulations, including the Water Community Option for the fee schedule.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Fee Regulations. The District encourages the SWRCB and its staff to continue to work with public water systems and their representatives on this important issue. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kevin L. King at kking@sidwater.org

Sincerely,

Solano Irrigation District



Kevin L. King
Water & Power Operations Manager