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Subject: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation - Temporary Urgency Change Petition - New Melones Project

Please find Stockton East Water District's letter in support of the TUCP request for the New Melones Project.

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation - Temporary Urgency Change Petition
Water Right Permits of the New Melones Project - Dissolved Oxygen

Dear Mr. Carr:

On behalf of Stockton East Water District (District), we provide the following comments on the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Temporary Urgency Change Petition for the Water Right Permits for the New Melones Project. By way of background, the District has a contract with the Reclamation for 75,000 acre feet of water from the Central Valley Project (CVP), Eastside Division - Stanislaus River (New Melones Project). For your information, this year the District received a zero (0%) allocation pursuant to its CVP Contract for the New Melones Project.

We support the efforts of Reclamation to obtain a Temporary Urgency Change Petition to modify the requirements of the dissolved oxygen objective on the Stanislaus River. A relaxation of the dissolved oxygen objective at Ripon from 7.0 mg/l to 5.0 mg/l through November 30, 2015 will not have an unreasonable affect on other legal users, the environment or fish and wildlife. In fact, maintenance of a 7.0 mg/l at Ripon is contrary to the best available science. As has been repeated documented, during the summer any COLD Water fishery species are above Orange Blossom Bridge station which is many miles upstream of the Ripon gauge. This change will allow Reclamation maximum flexibility in the use of the very limited water supply.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment, and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K E HARRIGFELD'.

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