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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
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Attn: California WaterFix Hearing Staff

Re: Biggs-West Gridley Water District's Submittal of Testimony and Exhibits for
California WaterFix Petition for Change Hearing

Dear Hearing Chair Doduc, Hearing Officer Marcus and California WaterFix Hearing Staff:

Protestant Biggs-West Gridley Water District (BWGWD) hereby submits its written testimony for the hearing on the Department of Water Resources' and the United States Bureau of Reclamation's water rights change petition for the California WaterFix Project. This submittal includes: written direct testimony of Eugene Massa Jr. (BWGWD's General Manager), BWGWD's testimony exhibit index, and BWGWD's exhibits referenced in the testimony.

In addition, as explained in BWGWD's protest submittal, BWGWD has previously coordinated and collaborated with the other Sacramento Valley Water User (SVWU) and North State Water Alliance parties in preparing and submitting detailed comments on the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Draft EIR/EIS (DEIR/EIS), and the California WaterFix Recirculated DEIR/Supplemental DEIS (RDEIR/SDEIS). BWGWD has also been coordinating with the SVWU parties in preparing for and conducting cross-examination of the Petitioners' witnesses during their case-in-chief in this proceeding.

With regard to Part 1B of this hearing and this submittal, BWGWD continues its coordination with the SVWU parties in presenting a consolidated case-in-chief on certain common issues, including issues regarding whether the requested changes would operate to the injury of any legal user of the water involved. Consistent with this approach, the SVWU parties (which includes GCID) are jointly submitting written testimony and exhibits prepared by their expert witnesses from MBK Engineers on these common issues (as explained and identified in the SVWU parties' respective Notices of Intent to Appear

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that were previously filed). That submittal is being filed by Downey Brand on behalf of all SVWU parties, and is fully incorporated into BWGWD's direct case-in-chief.

In addition, BWGWD and the other Joint Water Districts Board (JWDB) protestants are jointly relying on written testimony and exhibits prepared by Donnie Stinnett, Manager and Water Master of the JWDB. That submittal is being filed by the Minasian, et al., law firm on behalf of all of the JWDB protestant parties, and is fully incorporated in BWGWD's direct case-in-chief.

Finally, BWGWD and the other SVWU parties will, by the September 15 deadline, submit proposed groupings and order of parties for direct testimony in Part 1B of the hearing. BWGWD appreciates your consideration of this submittal.

Sincerely,



Andrew M. Hitchings, Attorney
Authorized Representative

cc: CA WaterFix Service List
AMH:cr

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
and
STATEMENT OF SERVICE

CALIFORNIA WATERFIX PETITION HEARING
Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
(Petitioners)

I hereby certify that on August 31, 2016, I submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and caused a true and correct copy of the following document(s):

- 1. LETTER TO WATER BOARD RE SUBMITTAL OF TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS**
- 2. EXHIBIT INDEX**
- 3. ALL EXHIBITS THERETO (except those of MFI, which are being submitted by the Minasian, et al., law firm; and those of SVWU, which are being submitted by the office of Downey Brand)**

to be uploaded to the Board's FTB site at [https://ftp.waterboards.ca.gov/?u=water fix download&p=waterfix123](https://ftp.waterboards.ca.gov/?u=water+fix+download&p=waterfix123). This Notice of Availability and Statement of Service was served by **Electronic Mail** (email) upon the parties listed in Table 1 of the Current Service List for the California WaterFix Petition hearing, dated August 31, 2016, posted by the State Water Resources Control Board at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfix/service_list.shtml:

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct and that this document was executed on August 31, 2016.

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