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Hearing Chair Tam Doduc Hearing Officer Felicia Marcus State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights 1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814

> Re: California WaterFix Petition for Change Hearing, Part 1 – Submission of Written Testimony, Statements of Qualifications, Exhibit List and Exhibits, and Opening Statement on behalf of <u>Protestants County of</u> <u>San Joaquin, San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water</u> <u>Conservation District, and Mokelumne River Water and Power</u> <u>Authority</u>

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

Protestants County of San Joaquin, San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and Mokelumne River Water and Power Authority (collectively, the "San Joaquin County Protestants") are submitting their written testimony, exhibits, exhibit list, statement of qualifications and opening statement for the Hearing on the Petition for the California WaterFix Project filed by joint petitioners Department of Water Resources and the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

The San Joaquin County Protestants will also submit an amended Notice of Intent ("NOI"). The NOI form itself was apparently not designed to reflect parties' efforts to coordinate with other parties to avoid duplication and conserve resources. In an effort to achieve these efficiencies and minimize expenditures of public resources, the San Joaquin County Protestants have for some time been working in coordination with other protestants, most notably the LAND protestants (represented by Ms. Meserve) and protestants South Delta Water Agency and Central Delta Water Agency (represented by Messrs. Herrick and Ruiz). This has resulted in significant efficiencies in substantive areas in which these multiple protestants share common interests.

We have attempted to communicate our coordinated efforts in our amended NOI. I understand that Ms. Meserve will do the same in her amended NOI. State Water Resources Control Board September 1, 2016 Page 2

We hope this clarifies any questions that might otherwise arise in response to our amended NOI and the references to coordinated efforts in our Opening Statement. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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