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Subject: Interim Renewal Contract No. 14-06-200-5082A-IR1 Between the United States and Placer

County Water Agency (Agency) Providing for Project Water Service – Central Valley

Project, California

Dear Mr. Jarvis:

Enclosed is an executed original of the subject contract for your records. The Bureau of Reclamation appreciates the effort expended by the Agency and its representatives relative to this contract.

Consistent with the recent conversations between Einar Maisch of your staff and representatives from the Central California Area Office, there is agreement to schedule and conduct a meeting in January of 2012, to finalize how PCWA will satisfy payment of the existing Operation and Maintenance deficit that has accrued under the subject contract.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Michael LeBarre, Repayment Specialist, at 916-978-5557, or e-mail mlebarre@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Central Valley Project, California

INTERIM RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM THE AMERICAN RIVER DIVISION

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1 2 3 4	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Central Valley Project, California
5 6 7 8 9	INTERIM RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM THE AMERICAN RIVER DIVISION
10	THIS CONTRACT, made this 29th day of December, 2011,
11	in pursuance generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or
12	supplementary thereto, including, but not limited to, the Acts of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844), as
13	amended and supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented,
14	June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263), October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), as
15	amended, and Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706), all collectively
16	hereinafter referred to as Federal Reclamation law, between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
17	hereinafter referred to as the United States, and PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY, hereinafter
18	referred to as the Contractor, a public agency of the State of California, duly organized, existing,
19	and acting pursuant to the laws thereof;
20	WITNESSETH, That:
21	EXPLANATORY RECITALS
22	[1 st] WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central
23	Valley Project (Project), California, for diversion, storage, carriage, distribution and beneficial
24	use, for flood control, irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and wildlife mitigation,
25	protection and restoration, generation and distribution of electric energy, salinity control,

26	navigation and other beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River, the American River, the		
27	Trinity River, and the San Joaquin River and their tributaries; and		
28	[2 nd] WHEREAS, the United States constructed Folsom Dam and Reservoir,		
29	hereinafter collectively referred to as the American River Division, which will be used in part for		
30	the furnishing of water to the Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Contract; and		
31	[3 rd] WHEREAS, the rights to Project Water were acquired by the United		
32	States pursuant to California law for operation of the Project; and		
33	[4 th] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States entered into Contract		
34	No. 14-06-200-5082A, dated September 18, 1970, as amended July 8, 1992, which established		
35	terms for the delivery to the Contractor of Project Water from the Auburn Reservoir or other		
36	mutually agreeable locations and also recognized the Contractor's right to certain flows of the		
37	American River authorized by permits issued by the California State Water Right Control Board		
38	which is now called the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB); and		
39	[4.1] WHEREAS, Contract No. 14-06-200-5082A, as amended, was superseded		
40	by Amendatory Contract No. 14-06-200-5082A on February 26, 2002, to, among other things,		
41	re-designate points of diversion and eliminate the minimum payment provisions currently		
42	included in the contract and reduce the annual amount of Project Water to be made available		
43	from 117,000 acre-feet to 35,000 acre-feet; and		
44	[4.2] WHEREAS, Amendatory Contract No. 14-06-200-5082A was further		
45	amended on August 27, 2002, to provide for a potential point of diversion on the Sacramento		
46	River, and to provide for a potential increase in the annual quantity provided under this contract		
47	to an amount in excess of 35,000 acre-feet, if and when a point of diversion for Project Water is		
48	established on the Sacramento River and if the proposed Auburn Dam and Reservoir are fully		

9	Completed, and the United States obtains the necessary water rights for the Auburn Dam and
50	Reservoir; and
51	[4.3] WHEREAS, Amendatory Contract No. 14-06-200-5082A, dated
52	February 26, 2002, as amended on August 27, 2002, is hereinafter referred to as the Existing
53	Contract; and
54	[4.4] WHEREAS, the SWRCB by Order WR 2008-0045 revoked
55	Reclamation's right to appropriate water in connection with the Auburn-Folsom South Unit
56	(Auburn Dam and Reservoir) of the Project; and
57	[5 th] Omitted; and
58	[6 th] WHEREAS, Section 3404(c) of the Central Valley Project Improvement
59	Act (CVPIA) provides for long-term renewal of existing contracts following completion of
60	appropriate environmental documentation, including the Programmatic Environmental Impact
51	Statement (PEIS), which was required by Section 3409 of the CVPIA, pursuant to the National
62	Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyzing the direct and indirect impacts and benefits of
63	implementing the CVPIA and the potential renewal of all existing contracts for Project Water; and
54	[6.1] WHEREAS, the United States has completed the PEIS, but since all the
55	environmental documentation necessary to execute a long-term renewal contract has not been
66	completed, the Contractor has requested an interim renewal contract pursuant to
67	Section 3404(c)(1) of the CVPIA; and
58	[7 th] WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Contractor has
59	fulfilled all of its obligations under the Existing Contract; and
70	[8 th] WHEREAS, the Contractor has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the
71	Contracting Officer that the Contractor has projected future demand for water use such that the

72	Contractor has the capability and expects to utilize fully for reasonable and beneficial use the		
73	quantity of Project Water to be made available to it pursuant to this Contract; and		
74	[9 th] WHEREAS, water obtained from the Project has been relied upon by		
75	urban and agricultural areas within California for more than 50 years, and is considered by the		
76	Contractor as an essential portion of its water supply; and		
77	[10 th] WHEREAS, the economies of regions within the Project, including the		
78	Contractor's, depend upon the continued availability of water, including water service from the		
79	Project; and		
80	[10.1] WHEREAS, in the California Bay-Delta Authority (CALFED)		
81	Programmatic Record of Decision, dated August 28, 2000, the United States and the State of		
82	California adopted a general target of continuously improving Delta water quality for all uses.		
83	The CALFED Agencies' target for providing safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water in a		
84	cost-effective way, is to achieve either: "(a) average concentrations at Clifton Court Forebay and		
85	other southern and central Delta drinking water intakes of 50 ug/L bromide and 3.0 mg/L total		
86	organic carbon, or (b) an equivalent level of public health protection using a cost-effective		
87	combination of alternative source waters, source control and treatment technologies"; and		
88	[11 th] WHEREAS, the Secretary intends through coordination, cooperation, and		
89	partnerships to pursue measures to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability of the		
90	Project for all Project purposes; and		
91	[11.1] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the water users in its Service Area have		
92	improved and will continue to improve water use efficiency through water conservation, water		
93	reclamation, and other Best Management Practices; however, implementing these measures have		

94	reduced and continue to reduce the ability of the Contractor and the water users in its Service		
95	Area to withstand a Condition of Shortage; and		
96	[12 th] WHEREAS, the mutual goals of the United States and the Contractor		

include: to provide for reliable Project Water supplies; to control costs of those supplies; to achieve repayment of the Project as required by law; to guard reasonably against Project Water shortages; to achieve a reasonable balance among competing demands for use of Project Water; and to comply with all applicable environmental statutes, all consistent with the legal obligations of the United States relative to the Project; and

[13th] WHEREAS, the parties intend by this Contract to develop a more cooperative relationship in order to achieve their mutual goals; and

[13.1] WHEREAS, the Contractor is a signatory to the Water Forum Agreement, dated April 2000, which has the co-equal objectives to: (1) provide a reliable and safe water supply for the Sacramento region's economic health and planned development through the year 2030, and (2) preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational and aesthetic values of the lower American River; and

[13.2] WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer is in support of the co-equal objectives of the Water Forum Agreement and intends to work cooperatively with the Contractor to investigate actions that they could take to implement the objectives of the Water Forum Agreement, which, if agreed to, would be the subject of a separate agreement between them; and

[13.3] WHEREAS, in order to continue water service provided under Project water service contracts that expire prior to the completion of all appropriate environmental documentation, the United States intends to execute interim renewal contracts for M&I water for a period not to exceed 3 Years in length, and for successive interim periods of not more than

117	2 Years in length, until such appropriate environmental documentation is finally completed, at
118	which time the Secretary shall, pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, upon request of the
119	Contractor, enter into a long-term renewal contract for a period of 40 Years; and may thereafter
120	renew such long-term renewal contracts for successive periods not to exceed 40 Years each; and
121	[14 th] WHEREAS, the contract between the United States and the Contractor
122	dated February 20, 1963, relating to the operation of the Contractor's Middle Fork American
123	River Project Reservoirs is still in full force and effect and is not affected by the terms and
124	conditions of this Contract; and
125	[15 th] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor are willing to enter into
126	this interim renewal (hereinafter "Contract") consistent with the provisions of Section 3404(c) of
127	the CVPIA and pursuant to Federal Reclamation law on the terms and conditions set forth below;
128	NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants
129	herein contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows:
130	<u>DEFINITIONS</u>
131	1. When used herein unless otherwise distinctly expressed, or manifestly

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- incompatible with the intent of the parties as expressed in this Contract, the term:
- "Calendar Year" shall mean the period January 1 through December 31, (a) both dates inclusive;
 - (b) "Charges" shall mean the payments required by Federal Reclamation law in addition to the Rates as determined annually by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this Contract;
- "Condition of Shortage" shall mean a condition respecting the Project (c) during any Year such that the Contracting Officer is unable to deliver sufficient water to meet the Contract Total;

140	(d)	"Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior's duly
141	authorized representa	ative acting pursuant to this Contract or applicable Federal Reclamation law
142	or regulation;	
143	(e)	"Contract Total" shall mean the maximum amount of water to which the
144	Contractor is entitled	under subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract;
145	(f)	"Contractor's Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Contractor is
146	permitted to provide	Project Water under this Contract as described in Exhibit "A" attached
147	hereto, which may be	e modified from time to time in accordance with Article 35 of this Contract
148	without amendment	of this Contract;
149	(g)	"CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Title
150	XXXIV of the Act of	f October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706);
151	(g.1)	"Diversion Water" shall mean water to which the Contractor has acquired
152	rights under Permit N	Nos. 13855, 13856, 13857, and 13858 issued by the California State Water
153	Rights Board, now re	eferred to as the State Water Resources Control Board;
154	(h-i)	Omitted;
155	(j)	"Full Cost Rate" shall mean an annual rate, as determined by the
156	Contracting Officer t	hat shall amortize the expenditures for construction properly allocable to the
157	Project Irrigation or	M&I functions, as appropriate, of facilities in service including all O&M
158	deficits funded, less	payments, over such periods as may be required under Federal Reclamation
159	law, or applicable co	ntract provisions. Interest will accrue on both the construction expenditures
160	and funded O&M de	ficits from October 12, 1982, on costs outstanding at that date, or from the
161	date incurred in the c	ease of costs arising subsequent to October 12, 1982, and shall be calculated
162	in accordance with s	ubsections 202(3)(B) and (3)(C) of the Reclamation Reform Act of

163	October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263), as amended, hereinafter referred to as RRA. The Full-Cost		
164	Rate includes actual operation, maintenance, and replacement costs consistent with Section 426.2		
165	of the Rules and Regulations for the RRA;		
166	(k-l) Omitted;		
167	(m) "Irrigation Water" shall mean water made available from the Project that		
168	is used primarily in the production of agricultural crops or livestock, including domestic use		
169	incidental thereto, and watering of livestock;		
170	(n) Omitted;		
171	(o) "Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water" shall mean Project Water, other		
172	than Irrigation Water, made available to the Contractor. M&I Water shall include water used for		
173	human use and purposes such as the watering of landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horses)		
174	which are kept for personal enjoyment or water delivered to land holdings operated in units of		
175	less than five acres unless the Contractor establishes to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer		
176	that the use of water delivered to any such landholding is a use described in subdivision (m) of		
177	this Article;		
178	(p) "M&I Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the Full Cost Rate applicable to		
179	the delivery of M&I Water;		
180	(q) "Operation and Maintenance" or "O&M" shall mean normal and		
181	reasonable care, control, operation, repair, replacement (other than capital replacement), and		
182	maintenance of Project facilities;		
183	(r) Omitted;		
184	(s) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United		
185	States and managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation:		

186	(t)	"Project Contractors" shall mean all parties who have water service	
187	contracts for Project	Water from the Project with the United States pursuant to Federal	
188	Reclamation law;		
189	(u)	"Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or	
190	delivered by the Secr	etary in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project and in	
191	accordance with the t	terms and conditions of water rights acquired pursuant to California law;	
192	(v)	"Rates" shall mean the payments determined annually by the Contracting	
193	Officer in accordance	e with the then-current applicable water ratesetting policies for the Project,	
194	as described in subdi	vision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract;	
195	(w)	"Recent Historic Average" shall mean the most recent 5 year average of	
196	the final forecast of Water Made Available to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract or its		
197	preceding contract(s)	·;	
198	(x)	"Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior, a duly appointed	
199	successor, or an author	orized representative acting pursuant to any authority of the Secretary and	
200	through any agency of	of the Department of the Interior;	
201	(y)	Omitted;	
202	(z)	"Water Delivered" or "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water	
203	diverted for use by the	e Contractor at the point(s) of delivery approved by the Contracting Officer;	
204	(aa)	"Water Made Available" shall mean the estimated amount of Project	
205	Water that can be del	livered to the Contractor for the upcoming Year as declared by the	
206	Contracting Officer,	pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 4 of this Contract;	

	(bb)	"Water Scheduled" shall mean Water Made Available to the Contractor
for which tim	ies and c	quantities for delivery have been established by the Contractor and
Contracting (Officer, j	pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract; and

(cc) "Year" shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each
Calendar Year through the last day of February of the following Calendar Year.

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TERM OF CONTRACT

This Contract shall be effective from January 1, 2012 and shall remain in 2. (a) effect through February 28, 2014, and thereafter will be renewed as described in this Article. Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this Article, until completion of all appropriate environmental review, and provided that the Contractor has complied with all the terms and conditions of the interim renewal contract in effect for the period immediately preceding the requested successive interim renewal contract, this Contract will be renewed, upon request of the Contractor, for successive interim periods each of which shall be no more than 2 Years in length. Also, except as provided in subdivision (b) of this Article, in order to promote orderly and cost effective contract administration, the terms and conditions in subsequent interim renewal contracts shall be identical to the terms and conditions in the interim renewal contract immediately preceding the subsequent interim renewal contract: *Provided, however*, That each party preserves the right to propose modification(s) in any interim renewal contract other than those described in subdivision (b) of this Article, in which case the parties shall negotiate in good faith appropriate modification(s) to be included in any successive interim renewal contracts. Said modification(s) of each successive interim renewal contract shall be agreed upon within a reasonable time prior to the expiration of the then existing interim renewal contract. Nothing in this Article shall in any way alter the obligation that, upon final completion of any necessary

supplemental environmental documentation, the Secretary shall, pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, upon request of the Contractor, enter into a long-term renewal contract for a period of 40 Years and may thereafter renew such long-term renewal contracts for successive periods not to exceed 40 Years each.

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(b) The parties have engaged and if necessary will continue to engage in good faith negotiations intended to permit the execution of a 40 Year long-term renewal contract contemplated by Section 3404 (c) of the CVPIA, hereinafter referred to as a "long-term renewal contract." The parties recognize the possibility that this schedule may not be met without further negotiations. Accordingly: In the event (i) the Contractor and Contracting Officer have reached agreement on the terms of the Contractor's long-term renewal contract or (ii) the Contractor and Contracting Officer have not completed the negotiations on the Contractor's long-term renewal contract, believe that further negotiations on that contract would be beneficial, and mutually commit to continue to negotiate to seek to reach agreement, but (iii) all environmental documentation required to allow execution of the Contractor's long-term renewal contract by both parties has not been completed in time to allow execution of the Contractor's long-term renewal contract by February 28, 2014, then (iv), the parties will expeditiously complete the environmental documentation required of each of them in order to execute the Contractor's long-term renewal contract at the earliest practicable date. In addition, the Contractor's then-current interim renewal contract will be renewed without change upon the request of either party through the agreed-upon effective date of the Contractor's long-term renewal contract or, in the absence of agreement on the terms of the Contractor's long-term renewal contract, through the succeeding February 28.

(c) The omission of language in this Contract providing for conversion of this interim renewal contract or any subsequent renewals thereof to a repayment contract pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of Section 9 of the Reclamation Projects Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), shall not prejudice the Contractor's right to assert a right to have such language included in subsequent renewals of this Contract or to exercise such conversion, all as provided by law, or to negotiate the language regarding such conversion to be included in subsequent renewal contracts.

WATER TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED TO THE CONTRACTOR

- 3. (a) During each Year, consistent with all applicable State water rights, permits, and licenses, Federal law, and subject to the provisions set forth in Articles 11 and 12 of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall make available for delivery to the Contractor up to 35,000 acre-feet of Project Water for M&I purposes. Provided, however, during the 2 month period of January and February of 2012, the Contracting Officer shall make available for delivery to the Contractor that portion of the 2011 allocation of Project Water unused by the Contractor under the Existing Contract. Water Delivered to the Contractor in accordance with this subdivision shall be scheduled and paid for pursuant to the provisions of Articles 4 and 7 of this Contract.
 - (1) The Contracting Officer recognizes that the Contractor has a right to Diversion Water from the American River in the amount of 120,000 acre-feet in any Year said water is available. Said Diversion Water is in addition to the Project Water made available pursuant to this Contract. The quantities of Diversion Water to which the Contractor is entitled and which are not taken or otherwise disposed of by the Contractor during that Year shall become the property of the United States.

(2) The quantity of Diversion Water specified in Article 3(a)(1) above, is contingent upon the right of the Contractor to continue to take said quantity of water annually pursuant to California law. In the event that under such law the Contractor's right to take Diversion Water is less than the amount specified in Article 3(a)(1) above, the amount of Diversion Water which the Contracting Officer will recognize under this Contract shall be reduced accordingly.

- (b) Because the capacity of the Project to deliver Project Water has been constrained in recent years and may be constrained in the future due to many factors including hydrologic conditions and implementation of Federal and State laws, the likelihood of the Contractor actually receiving the amount of Project Water set out in subdivision (a) of this Article in any given Year is uncertain. The Contracting Officer's modeling referenced in the PEIS projected that the Contract Total set forth in this Contract will not be available to the Contractor in many years. During the most recent five years, the Recent Historic Average of water made available to the Contractor was 32,000 acre-feet. Nothing in subdivision (b) of this Article shall affect the rights and obligations of the parties under any provision of this Contract.
- (c) The Contractor shall utilize the Project Water in accordance with all applicable legal requirements.
- (d) The Contractor shall make reasonable and beneficial use of all Project Water furnished pursuant to this Contract. Groundwater recharge programs (direct, indirect, or in lieu), groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted within the Contractor's Service Area which are consistent with applicable State law and result in use consistent with Federal Reclamation law will be allowed; *Provided*, That any direct recharge

program(s) is (are) described in the Contractor's water conservation plan submitted pursuant to Article 26 of this Contract; *Provided, further*, That such water conservation plan demonstrates sufficient lawful uses exist in the Contractor's Service Area so that using a long-term average, the quantity of Delivered Water is demonstrated to be reasonable for such uses and in compliance with Federal Reclamation law. Groundwater recharge programs, groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted outside the Contractor's Service Area may be permitted upon written approval of the Contracting Officer, which approval will be based upon environmental documentation, Project Water rights, and Project operational concerns. The Contracting Officer will address such concerns in regulations, policies, or guidelines.

- (e) The Contractor shall comply with requirements applicable to the Contractor in biological opinion(s) prepared as a result of a consultation regarding the execution of this Contract undertaken pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, that are within the Contractor's legal authority to implement. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Contractor from challenging or seeking judicial relief in a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any biological opinion or other environmental documentation referred to in this Article.
- (f) Following the declaration of Water Made Available under Article 4 of this Contract, the Contracting Officer will make a determination whether Project Water, or other water available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractor in addition to the Contract Total under Article 3 of this Contract during the Year without adversely impacting other Project Contractors. At the request of the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will consult with the Contractor prior to making such a determination. If the Contracting Officer determines that

Project Water, or other water available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will announce the availability of such water and shall so notify the Contractor as soon as practical. The Contracting Officer will thereafter meet with the Contractor and other Project Contractors capable of taking such water to determine the most equitable and efficient allocation of such water. If the Contractor requests the delivery of any quantity of such water, the Contracting Officer shall make such water available to the Contractor in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies. Subject to existing long-term contractual commitments, water rights and operational constraints, long-term Project Contractors shall have a first right to acquire such water, including Project Water made available pursuant to Section 215 of the RRA.

- (g) The Contractor may request permission to reschedule for use during the subsequent Year some or all of the Water Made Available to the Contractor during the current Year referred to as "carryover." The Contractor may request permission to use during the current Year a quantity of Project Water which may be made available by the United States to the Contractor during the subsequent Year referred to as "preuse." The Contracting Officer's written approval may permit such uses in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies.
- (h) The Contractor's right pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and applicable State law to the reasonable and beneficial use of Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during the term thereof and any subsequent renewal contracts, as described in Article 2 of this Contract, during the terms thereof shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor shall fulfill all of its obligations under this Contract and any renewals thereof. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall affect the Contracting Officer's ability to impose

shortages under Article 11 or subdivision (b) of Article 12 of this Contract or applicable provisions of any subsequent renewal contracts.

- (i) Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract may be delivered for purposes other than those described in subdivisions (m) and (o) of Article 1 of this Contract upon written approval by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the terms and conditions of such approval.
- rights necessary for the Project and to provide the water available under this Contract. The Contracting Officer shall not object to participation by the Contractor, in the capacity and to the extent permitted by law, in administrative proceedings related to the Project Water rights;

 Provided, That the Contracting Officer retains the right to object to the substance of the Contractor's position in such a proceeding;

 Provided further, That in such proceedings the Contracting Officer shall recognize the Contractor has a legal right under the terms of this Contract to use Project Water.
- (k) In recognition of the prior historical contractual relationship between the Contractor and the United States, concerning the potential increase in water supply that could be made available from the Project if the Auburn Dam and Reservoir were to be completed, by entering into this Contract, the Contractor is not waiving any rights it may have, upon any renewal of the Contract and any subsequent renewals thereof, to assert a right to such an increase in water supply.

TIME FOR DELIVERY OF WATER

4. (a) On or about February 20 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall announce the Contracting Officer's expected declaration of the Water Made Available.

Such declaration will be expressed in terms of Water Made Available and the Recent Historic Average and will be updated monthly, and more frequently if necessary, based on then-current operational and hydrologic conditions and a new declaration with changes, if any, to the Water Made Available will be made. The Contracting Officer shall provide forecasts of Project operations and the basis of the estimate, with relevant supporting information, upon the written request of the Contractor. Concurrently with the declaration of the Water Made Available, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor with the updated Recent Historic Average.

- (b) On or before each March 1 and at such other times as necessary, the Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a written schedule, satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, showing the monthly quantities of Project Water to be delivered by the United States to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract for the Year commencing on such March 1. The Contracting Officer shall use all reasonable means to deliver Project Water according to the approved schedule for the Year commencing on such March 1.
- (c) The Contractor shall not schedule Project Water in excess of the quantity of Project Water the Contractor intends to put to reasonable and beneficial use within the Contractor's Service Area or to sell, transfer, or exchange pursuant to Article 9 of this Contract during any Year.
- (d) Subject to the conditions set forth in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract, the United States shall deliver Project Water to the Contractor in accordance with the initial schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to subdivision (b) of this Article, or any written revision(s), satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, thereto submitted within a reasonable time prior to the date(s) on which the requested change(s) is/are to be implemented.

POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

- 5. Project Water scheduled pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this (a) Contract shall be delivered to the Contractor at Folsom Dam and any additional point or points of delivery either on Project facilities or another location or locations mutually agreed to in writing by the Contracting Officer and the Contractor, including a potential point of delivery on the Sacramento River north of the American River. The parties acknowledge that the potential Sacramento River point of delivery may be at a point that, as of the date of this Contract, is not included as an authorized point of delivery under the water right permits of the Project. Project Water will not be delivered to this point of delivery unless and until such point is added to the water right permits of the Project. Upon request of the Contractor, the Contracting Officer shall petition the California State Water Resources Control Board to include the necessary point of delivery to the water rights for the Project, and the Contractor shall cooperate with and assist the Contracting Officer in prosecuting such petition in a timely manner. The Contracting Officer shall bear neither responsibility nor liability for existing and/or future-constructed non-Federal diversion or delivery facilities or the use thereof.
 - (1) The parties hereby acknowledge execution of the Stipulated

 Agreement dated September 8, 1998, recognizing the agreement by the United States,

 Bureau of Reclamation, subject to certain conditions, to dismiss protests to the

 Contractor's petition to expand the place of use under the Contractor's water right

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(c) The Contractor shall not deliver Project Water to land outside the Contractor's Service Area unless approved in advance by the Contracting Officer.

(d) All Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be measured and recorded with equipment furnished, installed, operated, and maintained by the United States or other appropriate entity as designated by the Contracting Officer at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. Upon the request of either party to this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall investigate the accuracy, or cause to be investigated, of such measurements and shall take any necessary steps to adjust any errors appearing therein. For any period of time when accurate measurements have not been made, the Contracting Officer shall consult with the Contractor prior to making a final determination of the quantity delivered for that period of time.

handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract beyond the delivery points specified in subdivision (a) of this Article. The Contractor shall indemnify the United States, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns on account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever for which there is legal responsibility, including property damage, personal injury, or death arising out of or connected with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of such Water Delivered beyond such delivery points, except for any damage or claim arising out of: (i) acts or omissions of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns with the intent of creating the situation resulting in any damage or claim; (ii) willful misconduct of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns; (iii) negligence of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, or assigns; or (iv) damage or claims resulting from a malfunction of facilities owned and/or operated by the United States.

MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA

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- 6. (a) The Contractor shall ensure that, unless the Contractor has established a measuring program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall ensure that all surface water delivered for M&I purposes is measured at each M&I service connection. The water measuring devices or water measuring methods of comparable effectiveness must be acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for installing, operating, and maintaining and repairing all such measuring devices and implementing all such water measuring methods at no cost to the United States. The Contractor shall use the information obtained from such water measuring devices or water measuring methods to ensure its proper management of the water, to bill water users for water delivered by the Contractor; and, if applicable, to record water delivered for M&I purposes by customer class as defined in the Contractor's water conservation plan provided for in Article 26 of this Contract. Nothing herein contained, however, shall preclude the Contractor from establishing and collecting any charges, assessments, or other revenues authorized by California law. The Contractor shall include a summary of all its annual surface water deliveries in the annual report described in subdivision (c) of Article 26.
- (b) To the extent the information has not otherwise been provided, upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall provide to the Contracting Officer a written report describing the measurement devices or water measuring methods being used or to be used to implement subdivision (a) of this Article and identifying the M&I service connections or alternative measurement programs approved by the Contracting Officer, at which such measurement devices or water measuring methods are being used, and, if applicable, identifying the locations at which such devices and/or methods are not yet being used including a time

schedule for implementation at such locations. The Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractor in writing within 60 days as to the adequacy of, and necessary modifications, if any, of the measuring devices or water measuring methods identified in the Contractor's report and if the Contracting Officer does not respond in such time, they shall be deemed adequate. If the Contracting Officer notifies the Contractor that the measuring devices or methods are inadequate, the parties shall within 60 days following the Contracting Officer's response, negotiate in good faith the earliest practicable date by which the Contractor shall modify said measuring devices and/or measuring methods as required by the Contracting Officer to ensure compliance with subdivision (a) of this Article.

- (c) All new surface water delivery systems installed within the Contractor's Service Area after the effective date of this Contract shall also comply with the measurement provisions described in subdivision (a) of this Article.
- (d) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the State of California in writing by April 30 of each Year of the monthly volume of surface water delivered within the Contractor's Service Area during the previous Year.
- (e) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer on or before the 20th calendar day of each month of the quantity of M&I Water taken during the preceding month.

RATES AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER

7. (a) The Contractor shall pay the United States as provided in this Article for all Delivered Water at Rates and Charges established in accordance with: (i) the Secretary's then-existing ratesetting policy for M&I Water, which ratesetting policies shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure;

(ii) applicable Federal Reclamation law and associated rules and regulations, or policies; and (iii) other applicable provisions of this Contract. Payments shall be made by cash transaction, electronic funds transfer, or any other mechanism as may be agreed to in writing by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer. The Rates and Charges, applicable to the Contractor upon execution of this Contract are set forth in Exhibit "B," as may be revised annually.

- (b) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor of the Rates and Charges as follows:
 - (1) Prior to July 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor an estimate of the Charges for Project Water that will be applied to the period October 1, of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and the basis for such estimate. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such estimates. On or before September 15 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Charges to be in effect during the period October 1 of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B."
 - (2) Prior to October 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall make available to the Contractor an estimate of the Rates for Project Water for the following Year and the computations and cost allocations upon which those Rates are based. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such computations and cost allocations. By December 31 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor with the final Rates to be in effect for the upcoming Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B".

502	(c) At the time the Contractor submits the initial schedule for the delivery of
503	Project Water for each Year pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract, the
504	Contractor shall make an advance payment to the United States equal to the total amount payable
505	pursuant to the applicable Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Project Water
506	scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this Contract during the first two calendar months of the
507	Year. Before the end of the first month and before the end of each calendar month thereafter, the
508	Contractor shall make an advance payment to the United States, at the Rate(s) set under
509	subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Water Scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this Contract
510	during the second month immediately following. Adjustments between advance payments for
511	Water Scheduled and payments at Rates due for Water Delivered shall be made before the end of
512	the following month; <i>Provided</i> , That any revised schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant
513	to Article 4 of this Contract which increases the amount of Water Delivered pursuant to this
514	Contract during any month shall be accompanied with appropriate advance payment, at the Rates
515	then in effect, to assure that Project Water is not delivered to the Contractor in advance of such
516	payment. In any month in which the quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to
517	this Contract equals the quantity of Water Scheduled and paid for by the Contractor, no
518	additional Project Water shall be delivered to the Contractor unless and until an advance
519	payment at the Rates then in effect for such additional Project Water is made. Final adjustment
520	between the advance payments for the Water Scheduled and payments for the quantities of Water
521	Delivered during each Year pursuant to this Contract shall be made as soon as practicable but no
522	later than April 30th of the following Year, or 60 days after the delivery of Project Water carried
523	over under subdivision (g) of Article 3 of this Contract if such water is not delivered by the last
524	day of February.

(d) The Contractor shall also make a payment in addition to the Rate(s) in
subdivision (c) of this Article to the United States for Water Delivered, at the Charges then in
effect, before the end of the month following the month of delivery. The payments shall be
consistent with the quantities of M&I Water Delivered as shown in the water delivery report for
the subject month prepared by the Contracting Officer. The water delivery report shall be
deemed a bill for the payment of Charges for Water Delivered. Adjustment for overpayment or
underpayment of Charges shall be made through the adjustment of payments due to the United
States for Charges for the next month. Any amount to be paid for past due payment of Charges
shall be computed pursuant to Article 20 of this Contract.

- (e) The Contractor shall pay for any Water Delivered under subdivision (a), (f), or (g) of Article 3 of this Contract as determined by the Contracting Officer pursuant to applicable statutes, associated regulations, any applicable provisions of guidelines or ratesetting policies; *Provided*, That the Rate for Water Delivered under subdivision (f) of Article 3 of this Contract shall be no more than the otherwise applicable Rate for M&I Water under subdivision (a) of this Article.
- (f) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this Contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor.
- (g) All revenues received by the United States from the Contractor relating to the delivery of Project Water or the delivery of non-Project water through Project facilities shall be allocated and applied in accordance with Federal Reclamation law and the associated rules or regulations, and the then-current Project ratesetting policies for M&I Water.
- (h) The Contracting Officer shall keep its accounts pertaining to the administration of the financial terms and conditions of its long-term contracts, in accordance

with applicable Federal standards, so as to reflect the application of Project costs and revenues.

The Contracting Officer shall, each Year upon request of the Contractor, provide to the Contractor a detailed accounting of all Project and Contractor expense allocations, the disposition of all Project and Contractor revenues, and a summary of all water delivery information. The Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or disputes relating to accountings, reports, or information.

- (i) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this Contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated that mechanisms, policies, and procedures used for establishing Rates and Charges and/or for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article may be in the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into agreements to modify the mechanisms, policies, and procedures for any of those purposes while this Contract is in effect without amending this Contract.
 - (i) (1-3) Omitted.

(k) For the term of this Contract, Rates under the respective ratesetting policies will be established to recover only reimbursable O&M (including any deficits) and capital costs of the Project, as those terms are used in the then-current Project ratesetting policies, and interest, where appropriate, except in instances where a minimum Rate is applicable in accordance with the relevant Project ratesetting policy. Changes of significance in practices which implement the Contracting Officer's ratesetting policies will not be implemented until the Contracting Officer has provided the Contractor an opportunity to discuss the nature, need, and impact of the proposed change.

(1) Except as provided in subsections 3405(a)(1)(B) and 3405(f) of the			
CVPIA, the Rates for Project Water transferred by the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Rate			
adjusted upward or downward to reflect the changed costs, if any, incurred by the Contracting			
Officer in the delivery of the transferred Project Water to the transferee's point of delivery in			
accordance with the then-applicable Project ratesetting policy.			

- (m) Omitted.
- 576 (n) Omitted.

NON-INTEREST BEARING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DEFICITS

578 8. Omitted.

SALES, TRANSFERS, OR EXCHANGES OF WATER

- 9. (a) The right to receive Project Water provided for in this Contract may be sold, transferred, or exchanged to others for reasonable and beneficial uses within the State of California if such sale, transfer, or exchange is authorized by applicable Federal and State laws, and applicable guidelines or regulations then in effect. No sale, transfer, or exchange of Project Water under this Contract may take place without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer, except as provided for in subdivision (b) of this Article, and no such sales, transfers, or exchanges shall be approved absent all appropriate environmental documentation, including but not limited to documents prepared pursuant to the NEPA and ESA. Such environmental documentation should include, as appropriate, an analysis of groundwater impacts and economic and social effects, including environmental justice, of the proposed water transfers on both the transferor and transferee.
- (b) In order to facilitate efficient water management by means of water transfers of the type historically carried out among Project Contractors located within the same

geographical area and to allow the Contractor to participate in an accelerated water transfer program during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall prepare, as appropriate, all necessary environmental documentation including, but not limited to, documents prepared pursuant to the NEPA and ESA analyzing annual transfers within such geographical areas, and the Contracting Officer shall determine whether such transfers comply with applicable law. Following the completion of the environmental documentation, such transfers addressed in such documentation shall be conducted with advance notice to the Contracting Officer, but shall not require prior written approval by the Contracting Officer. Such environmental documentation and the Contracting Officer's compliance determination shall be reviewed every 5 years and updated, as necessary, prior to the expiration of the then-existing 5 year period. All subsequent environmental documentation shall include an alternative to evaluate not less than the quantity of Project Water historically transferred within the same geographical area.

water transfer must: (i) be for irrigation purposes for lands irrigated within the previous 3 years, for M&I use, groundwater recharge, water banking or similar groundwater activities, surface water storage, or fish and wildlife resources; not lead to land conversion; and be delivered to established cropland, wildlife refuges, groundwater basins or M&I use, or for fish and wildlife purposes; (ii) occur within a single Year; (iii) occur between a willing seller and a willing buyer; (iv) convey water through existing facilities with no new construction or modifications to facilities and be between existing Project Contractors and/or the Contractor and the United States, Department of the Interior; and (v) comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local or tribal laws and requirements imposed for protection of the environment and Indian Trust Assets, as defined under Federal law.

(d) Solely for the purpose of determining whether Section 3405(a)(1)(M) of the CVPIA applies to the Contractor as a transferor or transferee of Project Water, the Contracting Officer acknowledges that the Contractor is within a county, watershed or other area of origin, as those terms are utilized under California law, of water that constitutes the natural flow of the American River and its tributaries above the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers.

APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

- O&M, capital, interest and deficit (if any) obligations for the Year shall be applied first to any current liabilities of the Contractor arising out of this Contract then due and payable.

 Overpayments of more than \$1,000 shall be refunded at the Contractor's request. In lieu of a refund, any amount of such overpayment, at the option of the Contractor, may be credited against amounts to become due to the United States by the Contractor. With respect to overpayment, such refund or adjustment shall constitute the sole remedy of the Contractor or anyone having or claiming to have the right to the use of any of the Project Water supply provided for herein. All credits and refunds of overpayments shall be made within 30 days of the Contracting Officer obtaining direction as to how to credit or refund such overpayment in response to the notice to the Contractor that it has finalized the accounts for the Year in which the overpayment was made.
- (b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the Contractor pursuant to Article 25 of this Contract shall be adjusted to reflect the actual costs when the work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual costs incurred, the

difference will be refunded to the Contractor. If the actual costs exceed the Contractor's advances, the Contractor will be billed for the additional costs pursuant to Article 25.

TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS - RETURN FLOWS

- 11. (a) Subject to: (i) the authorized purposes and priorities of the Project and the requirements of Federal law; and (ii) the obligations of the United States under existing contracts, or renewals thereof, providing for water deliveries from the Project, the Contracting Officer shall make all reasonable efforts to optimize Project Water deliveries to the Contractor as provided in this Contract.
- (b) The Contracting Officer may temporarily discontinue or reduce the quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractor as herein provided for the purposes of investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any of the Project facilities or any part thereof necessary for the delivery of Project Water to the Contractor, but so far as feasible the Contracting Officer will give the Contractor due notice in advance of such temporary discontinuance or reduction, except in case of emergency, in which case no notice need be given; *Provided*, That the United States shall use its best efforts to avoid any discontinuance or reduction in such service. Upon resumption of service after such reduction or discontinuance, and if requested by the Contractor, the United States will, if possible, deliver the quantity of Project Water which would have been delivered hereunder in the absence of such discontinuance or reduction.
- (c) The United States reserves the right to all seepage and return flow water derived from Water Delivered to the Contractor hereunder which escapes or is discharged beyond the Contractor's Service Area; *Provided*, That this shall not be construed as claiming for the United States any right to seepage or return flow being put to reasonable and beneficial use

661	pursuant to this Contract within the Contractor's Service Area by the Contractor or those
662	claiming by, through, or under the Contractor.
663	CONSTRAINTS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER
664 665 666 667 668	12. (a) In its operation of the Project, the Contracting Officer will use all reasonable means to guard against a Condition of Shortage in the quantity of water to be made available to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract. In the event the Contracting Officer determines that a Condition of Shortage appears probable, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of said determination as soon as practicable.
669 670 671 672 673	(b) If there is a Condition of Shortage because of errors in physical operations of the Project, drought, other physical causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer or actions taken by the Contracting Officer to meet legal obligations then, except as provided in subdivision (a) of Article 18 of this Contract, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom.
674	(c) Omitted.
675	(d) Project Water furnished under this Contract will be allocated in
676	accordance with the then-existing Project M&I Water Shortage Policy. Such policy shall be
677	amended, modified, or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure.
678	(e) By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive any legal
679	rights or remedies it may have to file or participate in any administrative or judicial proceeding
680	contesting: (i) the sufficiency of the manner in which any Project M&I Water Shortage Policy
681	adopted after the effective date of this Contract was promulgated; (ii) the substance of such a
682	policy; or (iii) the applicability of such a policy. By agreeing to the foregoing, the Contracting
683	Officer does not waive any legal defenses or remedies that it may then have to assert in such
684	a proceeding.
685	UNAVOIDABLE GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION
686	13. Omitted.

RULES, REGULATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

14. The parties agree that the delivery of M&I Water or use of Federal facilities pursuant to this Contract is subject to Federal Reclamation law and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Federal Reclamation law.

WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

15. The Contractor, in carrying out this Contract, shall comply with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California, and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities.

QUALITY OF WATER

- 16. (a) Project facilities used to deliver Project Water to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be operated and maintained to enable the United States to deliver Project Water to the Contractor in accordance with the water quality standards specified in subsection 2(b) of the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 865), as added by Section 101 of the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), or other existing Federal laws. The United States is under no obligation to construct or furnish water treatment facilities to maintain or to improve the quality of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The United States does not warrant the quality of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
- (b) The O&M of Project facilities shall be performed in such manner as is practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through such facilities at the highest level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with all State and Federal water quality standards applicable to surface and subsurface agricultural drainage discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractor facilities or Project Water provided by the Contractor within the Contractor's Service Area.

711	WATER ACQUIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR
712	OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

17. (a) Omitted.

- (b) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor, other than from the United States, may be stored, conveyed, and/or diverted through Project facilities, subject to the completion of appropriate environmental documentation, with the approval of the Contracting Officer and the execution of any contract determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary, consistent with the following provisions:
 - (1) The Contractor may introduce non-Project water into Project facilities and deliver said water to lands within the Contractor's Service Area, subject to payment to the United States of an appropriate rate as determined by the applicable Project ratesetting policy and the Project use power policy, if such Project use power policy is applicable, each as amended, modified, or superseded from time to time. In addition, if electrical power is required to pump non-Project water through the facilities, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary power and paying the necessary charges therefore.
 - (2) Delivery of such non-Project water in and through Project facilities shall only be allowed to the extent such deliveries do not: (i) interfere with other Project purposes as determined by the Contracting Officer; (ii) reduce the quantity or quality of water available to other Project contractors; (iii) interfere with the delivery of contractual water entitlements to any other Project water service contractors; or (iv) interfere with the physical maintenance of the Project facilities; *Provided*, That nothing in this Article is intended to limit the United States' obligation to pass the Contractor's Diversion Water

through Project storage facilities to the extent required under the applicable provisions of California law.

- distribution of the non-Project water before it is introduced into or after it is delivered from the Project facilities. The Contractor hereby releases and agrees to defend and indemnify the United States and their respective officers, agents, and employees, from any claim for damage to persons or property, direct or indirect, resulting from the acts of the Contractor or its officers, employees, agents or assigns, in (i) extracting or diverting non-Project water from any source, or (ii) diverting such non-Project water into Project facilities.
- (4) Diversion of such non-Project water into Project facilities shall be consistent with all applicable laws, and if involving groundwater, consistent with any applicable groundwater management plan for the area from which it was extracted.
- (5) After Project purposes are met, as determined by the Contracting Officer, the United States and the Contractor shall share priority to utilize the remaining capacity of the facilities declared to be available by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and transportation of non-Project water prior to any such remaining capacity being made available to non-Project contractors.

OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

18. (a) Where the terms of this Contract provide for actions to be based upon the opinion or determination of either party to this Contract, said terms shall not be construed as permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, expressly

reserve the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment for any such arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be provided in a timely manner. Nothing in subdivision (a) of Article 18 of this Contract is intended to or shall affect or alter the standard of judicial review applicable under Federal law to any opinion or determination implementing a specific provision of Federal law embodied in statute or regulation.

(b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this Contract that are consistent with the provisions of this Contract, the laws of the United States and of the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to the extent reasonably practicable.

COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

19. (a) In order to further their mutual goals and objectives, the Contracting
Officer and the Contractor shall communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with each other, and
with other affected Project Contractors, in order to improve the operation and management of the
Project. The communication, coordination, and cooperation regarding operations and
management shall include, but not be limited to, any action which will or may materially affect
the quantity or quality of Project Water supply, the allocation of Project Water supply, and
Project financial matters including, but not limited to, budget issues. The communication,
coordination, and cooperation provided for hereunder shall extend to all provisions of this
Contract. Each party shall retain exclusive decision making authority for all actions, opinions,
and determinations to be made by the respective party.

779	(b) Within 120 days following the effective date of this Contract, the
780	Contractor, other affected Project Contractors, and the Contracting Officer shall arrange to meet
781	with interested Project Contractors to develop a mutually agreeable, written Project-wide
782	process, which may be amended as necessary separate and apart from this Contract. The goal of
783	this process shall be to provide, to the extent practicable, the means of mutual communication
784	and interaction regarding significant decisions concerning Project operation and management on
785	a real-time basis.
786	(c) In light of the factors referred to in subdivision (b) of Article 3 of this

(c) In light of the factors referred to in subdivision (b) of Article 3 of this Contract, it is the intent of the Secretary to improve water supply reliability. To carry out this intent:

- (1) The Contracting Officer will, at the request of the Contractor, assist in the development of integrated resource management plans for the Contractor. Further, the Contracting Officer will, as appropriate, seek authorizations for implementation of partnerships to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability.
- (2) The Secretary will, as appropriate, pursue program and project implementation and authorization in coordination with Project Contractors to improve the water supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project purposes.
- (3) The Secretary will coordinate with Project Contractors and the State of California to seek improved water resource management.
- (4) The Secretary will coordinate actions of agencies within the Department of the Interior that may impact the availability of water for Project purposes.

300	(5) The Contracting Officer shall periodically, but not less than
301	annually, hold division level meetings to discuss Project operations, division level water
302	management activities, and other issues as appropriate.
303	(d) Without limiting the contractual obligations of the Contracting Officer
304	under the other Articles of this Contract, nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or
305	constrain the Contracting Officer's ability to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with the
306	Contractor or other interested stakeholders or to make decisions in a timely fashion as needed to
307	protect health, safety, or the physical integrity of structures or facilities.
808	CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS
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818 819 820 821 822	(b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the interest rate of one-half of one percent (0.5%) per month prescribed by Section 6 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.
823 824 825	(c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third to the accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.
826	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
827	21. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
828 829 830 831	(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action

shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of payment or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- (b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- 848 (d) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order
 849 No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders
 850 of the Secretary of Labor.
 - (e) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by said amended Executive Order and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Contracting Officer and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
 - (f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in said amended Executive Order, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in said Executive Order, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
 - (g) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of said amended Executive Order, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: *Provided, however*, That in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

872	GENERAL OBLIGATION - BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT
873 874 875 876	22. (a) The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided in this Contract is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation may be distributed among the Contractor's water users and notwithstanding the default of individual water users in their obligations to the Contractor.
877 878 879 880 881 882	(b) The payment of charges becoming due hereunder is a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this Contract. The United States shall not make water available to the Contractor through Project facilities during any period in which the Contractor may be in arrears in the advance payment of water rates due the United States. The Contractor shall not furnish water made available pursuant to this Contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates levied or established by the Contractor.
883	(c) With respect to subdivision (b) of this Article, the Contractor shall have no
884	obligation to require advance payment for water rates which it levies.
885	COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS
886 887 888 889 890	23. (a) The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-112, as amended), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.) and any other applicable civil rights laws, as well as with their respective implementing regulations and guidelines imposed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.
891 892 893 894 895 896	(b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. By executing this Contract, the Contractor agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to implement this obligation, including permitting officials of the United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.
897 898 899 900 901 902 903 904	(c) The Contractor makes this agreement in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractor by the Bureau of Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Article, and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement thereof.
905	PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE
906	24. Omitted.

CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

25. In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, within 60 days after receipt of a bill and detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Contractor for such specific items of direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Contractor associated with this Contract plus indirect costs in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policies and procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article shall not exceed the amount agreed to in writing in advance by the Contractor. This Article shall not apply to costs for routine contract administration.

WATER CONSERVATION

Federally constructed or Federally financed facilities pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall be implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the Contractor's water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet the conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law. The water conservation and efficiency program shall contain definite water conservation objectives, appropriate economically feasible water conservation measures, and time schedules for meeting those objectives. Continued Project Water delivery pursuant to this Contract shall be contingent upon the Contractor's continued implementation of such water conservation program. In the event the Contractor's water conservation plan or any revised water conservation plan completed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Article 26 of this Contract have not yet been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet such criteria, due to circumstances which the Contracting Officer determines are beyond the control of the Contractor, water

deliveries shall be made under this Contract so long as the Contractor diligently works with the Contracting Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest practicable date, and thereafter the Contractor immediately begins implementing its water conservation and efficiency program in accordance with the time schedules therein.

- (b) Should the amount of M&I Water delivered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract equal or exceed 2,000 acre-feet per Year, the Contractor shall implement the Best Management Practices identified by the time frames issued by the California Urban Water Conservation Council for such M&I Water unless any such practice is determined by the Contracting Officer to be inappropriate for the Contractor.
- (c) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a report on the status of its implementation of the water conservation plan on the reporting dates specified in the then existing conservation and efficiency criteria established under Federal law.
- (d) At five-year intervals, the Contractor shall revise its water conservation plan to reflect the then-current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law and submit such revised water management plan to the Contracting Officer for review and evaluation. The Contracting Officer will then determine if the water conservation plan meets Reclamation's then-current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law.
- (e) If the Contractor is engaged in direct ground-water recharge, such activity shall be described in the Contractor's water conservation plan.

EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

27. Except as specifically provided in Article 17 of this Contract, the provisions of this Contract shall not be applicable to or affect non-Project water or water rights now owned or

hereafter acquired by the Contractor or any user of such water within the Contractor's Service Area. Any such water shall not be considered Project Water under this Contract. In addition, this Contract shall not be construed as limiting or curtailing any rights which the Contractor or any water user within the Contractor's Service Area acquires or has available under any other contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY THE OPERATING NON-FEDERAL ENTITY

28. Omitted.

CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

29. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the United States under this Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds. Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligations under this Contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated or allotted.

BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS

- 30. (a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including: the Contractor's financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way agreements; the water users' land-use (crop census), land ownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Contract shall have the right during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records relating to matters covered by this Contract.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a) of this Article, no books, records, or other information shall be requested from the Contractor by the Contracting Officer unless such books, records, or information are reasonably related to the administration or performance of this Contract. Any such request shall allow the Contractor a reasonable period of time within which to provide the requested books, records, or information.
- 981 (c) Omitted.

ASSIGNMENT LIMITED – SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED

- 31. (a) The provisions of this Contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this Contract or any right or interest therein shall be valid until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.
- (b) The assignment of any right or interest in this Contract by either party shall not interfere with the rights or obligations of the other party to this Contract absent the written concurrence of said other party.
- (c) The Contracting Officer shall not unreasonably condition or withhold his approval of any proposed assignment.

SEVERABILITY

32. In the event that a person or entity who is neither: (i) a party to a Project contract, nor (ii) a person or entity that receives Project Water from a party to a Project contract, nor (iii) an association or other form of organization whose primary function is to represent parties to Project contracts, brings an action in a court of competent jurisdiction challenging the legality or enforceability of a provision included in this Contract and said person, entity, association, or organization obtains a final court decision holding that such provision is legally invalid or unenforceable and the Contractor has not intervened in that lawsuit in support of the plaintiff(s), the parties to this Contract shall use their best efforts to: (i) within 30 days of the date of such final court decision identify by mutual agreement the provisions in this Contract which must be revised, and (ii) within three months thereafter promptly agree on the appropriate revision(s). The time periods specified above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Pending the completion of the actions designated above, to the extent it can do so without violating any applicable provisions of law, the United States shall continue to make the quantities of Project

Water specified in this Contract available to the Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Contract which were not found to be legally invalid or unenforceable in the final court decision.

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

33. Should any dispute arise concerning any provisions of this Contract, or the parties' rights and obligations thereunder, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Prior to the Contractor commencing any legal action, or the Contracting Officer referring any matter to Department of Justice, the party shall provide to the other party 30 days written notice of the intent to take such action; *Provided*, That such notice shall not be required where a delay in commencing an action would prejudice the interests of the party that intends to file suit. During the 30-day notice period, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Except as specifically provided, nothing herein is intended to waive or abridge any right or remedy that the Contractor or the United States may have.

OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

34. No Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner, or official of the Contractor shall benefit from this Contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same manner as other water users or landowners.

CHANGES IN CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA

- 35. (a) While this Contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Contractor's Service Area, by inclusion or exclusion of lands, dissolution, consolidation, merger, or otherwise, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.
 - (b) Within 30 days of receipt of a request for such a change, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of any additional information required by the Contracting Officer for processing said request, and both parties will meet to establish a mutually agreeable schedule for timely completion of the process. Such process will analyze whether the proposed

change is likely to: (i) result in the use of Project Water contrary to the terms of this Contract; (ii) impair the ability of the Contractor to pay for Project Water furnished under this Contract or to pay for any Federally-constructed facilities for which the Contractor is responsible; and (iii) have an impact on any Project Water rights applications, permits, or licenses. In addition, the Contracting Officer shall comply with the NEPA and ESA. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred by the Contracting Officer in this process, and such costs will be paid in accordance with Article 25 of this Contract.

FEDERAL LAWS

36. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive its rights to contest the validity or application in connection with the performance of the terms and conditions of this Contract of any Federal law or regulation; *Provided*, That the Contractor agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract unless and until relief from application of such Federal law or regulation to the implementing provision of the Contract is granted by a court of competent jurisdiction.

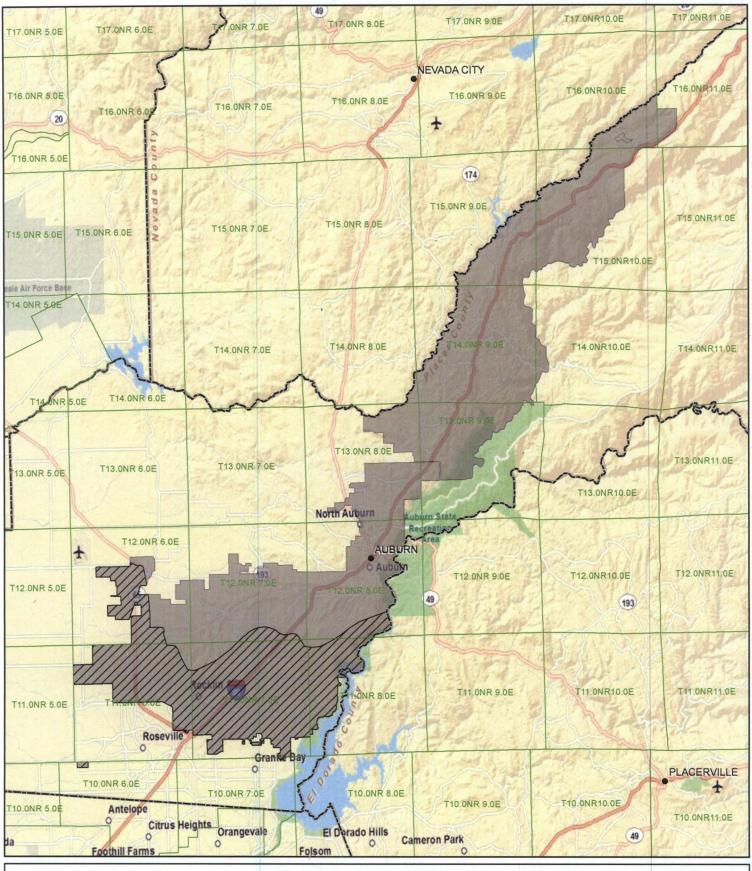
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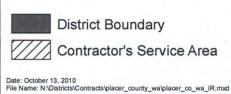
37. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this Contract shall be deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contractor, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, California 95630-1777, and on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Board of Directors of the Placer County Water Agency, P. O. Box 6570, Auburn, California 95604. The designation of the addressee or the address may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided in this Article for other notices.

CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT

38. The Contractor, after the execution of this Contract, shall furnish to the Contracting Officer evidence that pursuant to the laws of the State of California, the Contractor is a legally constituted entity and the Contract is lawful, valid, and binding on the Contractor. This Contract shall not be binding on the United States until such evidence has been provided to the Contracting Officer's satisfaction.

1058	CONTRACT DRAFTING CONSIDERATIONS
1059 1060 1061 1062	39. This Contract has been negotiated and reviewed by the parties hereto, each of whom is sophisticated in the matters to which this Contract pertains. Articles 1 through 39 of the Contract have been drafted, negotiated, and reviewed by the parties, and no one party shall be considered to have drafted the stated articles.
1063	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of
1064	the day and year first above written.
1065	APPRICUED AS TO LEGAL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
1066 1067 1068	OTFICE OF RESIDENCE SOLICITOR By: Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region Bureau of Reclamation
1069 1070 1071 1072	(SEAL) PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY By: Chair of the Board of Directors
1073	Attest:
1074 1075	By: Duelly bell, Acting Secretary of the Board of Directors





Placer County Water Agency

Contract No. 14-06-200-5082A-IR1 Exhibit A





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EXHIBIT B

RATES AND CHARGES (PLACEHOLDER)

RESOLUTION NO. 11- 44 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY APPROVING AN INTERIM RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH UNITED STATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Agency entered into an Amendatory water service contract with the United States for water from the federal Central Valley Project ("CVP") that provided for deliveries of CVP water until December 31, 2011, with option for renewal for an additional 25 years; and

WHEREAS, in August 2002, the Agency and United States executed an Amendment to the Amendatory Contract that did not change the term of that Contract; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Amendatory Contract as amended ends on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the United States is precluded from entering into a Long-Term Renewal Contract with the Agency at this time due to challenges to the environmental documentation necessary to execute such a Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has requested an Interim Renewal Contract pursuant to Section 3404(c)(1) of the CVPIA and;

WHEREAS, the terms of the Interim Renewal Contract do not provide for any change in the terms and conditions of the Amendatory Contract as amended, but provide a contractual basis for continued deliveries of Central Valley Project water through February 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, PCWA's only diversion of CVP water has been from Folsom Reservoir and such diversions will not change within the term of the Interim Contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

1. The Board hereby finds that the Agency's diversions under the Interim Contract will have no potential for any significant adverse effect on the physical environment



December 20, 2011

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Dated: 986334.180.1