

August 31, 2016

VIA EMAIL AND FTP SITE

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attn: California WaterFix Hearing Staff
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, California 95812-2000
CWFhearing@waterboards.ca.gov

Re: Sacramento Valley Group's Submittal of Testimony and Exhibits for California
WaterFix Petition for Change Hearing

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

Protestant Sacramento Valley Group ("SVG") (see attached listing of parties)¹ hereby submits its written testimony for the hearing on the Department of Water Resources' and the United States Bureau of Reclamation's water rights change petition for the California WaterFix Project. This submittal includes: written direct testimony of Marc Van Camp (MBK Engineers), SVG's exhibit identification index, exhibits, and an opening statement.

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

With regard to Part 1B of this hearing and this submittal, SVG is also coordinating with the SVWU parties in presenting a consolidated case-in-chief on certain common issues, including issues regarding whether the requested changes would operate to the injury of any legal user of the water involved. Consistent with this approach, the SVWU parties (which include SVG) are jointly submitting written testimony and exhibits prepared by their expert witnesses from MBK

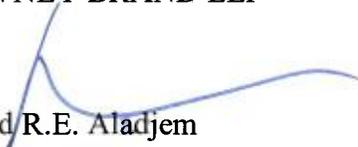
¹ Sacramento Municipal Utility District submitted a separate Notice of Intent to appear, but will not be submitting evidence other than the evidence described in this letter.

Engineers on these common issues (as explained and identified in the SVWU parties' respective Notices of Intent to Appear that were previously filed). That submittal by the SVWU parties is fully incorporated into SVG's direct case-in-chief.

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

Very truly yours,

DOWNEY BRAND LLP



David R.E. Aladjem
Kevin M. O'Brien
Authorized Representatives

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cc: CA WaterFix Service List

Attachment 1

Sacramento Valley Group

Carter Mutual Water Company
El Dorado Irrigation District
El Dorado Water & Power Authority
Howald Farms, Inc.
Maxwell Irrigation District
Natomas Central Mutual Water Company
Meridian Farms Water Company
Oji Brothers Farm, Inc.
Oji Family Partnership
Pelger Mutual Water Company
Pleasant-Grove Verona Mutual Water Co.
Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District
Provident Irrigation District
Reclamation District 108
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Henry D. Richter, et al.
River Garden Farms Company
South Sutter Water District
Sutter Extension Water District
Sutter Mutual Water Company
Tisdale Irrigation and Drainage Company
Windswept Land and Livestock Company

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
and
STATEMENT OF SERVICE

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

I hereby certify that on September 1, 2016, I submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and caused a true and correct copy of the following document(s):

- 1. LETTER TO WATER BOARD RE SUBMITTAL OF TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS**
- 2. EXHIBIT INDEX**
- 3. ALL EXHIBITS THERETO**

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

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct and that this document was executed on September 1, 2016.

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