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## Via Email and FTP Site

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

Re: City of Sacramento'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 City of Sacramento (Sacramento) 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: Sacramento's exhibit index; written direct testimony of James Peifer, Brett Ewart, Pravani Vandeyar and Bonny L. Starr; exhibits; and statement of service.

In addition, as stated in Sacramento's protest submittal, Sacramento has previously coordinated and collaborated with the other North State Water Alliance (NSWA) and American River Water Agencies (ARWA) 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), which includes parties that also comprise the Sacramento Valley Water User (SVWU). Sacramento has 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, Sacramento is also coordinating with the SVWU (including ARWA) 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 and ARWA parties (which includes Sacramento) are jointly submitting written testimony and

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exhibits prepared by their expert witnesses on common issues. Those submittals are fully incorporated into Sacramento's direct case-in-chief.

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

Sincerely,

Wesley A. Miliband, Attorney Authorized Representative

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cc: CA WaterFix Service List

## **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 I have this day submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and caused a true and correct copy of the following document(s):

- 1. COVER LETTER FOR CITY OF SACRAMENTO'S PART1B EVIDENCE
- 2. EXHIBIT INDEX
- 3. EXHIBITS INCLUDING DIRECT WITNESS TESTIMONY AND WITNESS **QUALIFICATIONS**

to be uploaded to the Board's FTP site at

https://ftp.waterboards.ca.gov/?u=water fix download&p=waterfix123. This Notice of Availability and Statement of Service was served by Electronic Mail (email) upon the parties listed in Table 1 of the Current Service List for the California WaterFix Petition Hearing, dated September 1, 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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