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State Water Resources Control Board
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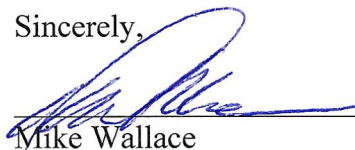
Re: Deer Creek, Drought Year 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On May 5, 2021 representatives the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) and NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) invited the two primary water right holders on Deer Creek, Stanford Vina Ranch Irrigation Company (SVRIC) and Deer Creek Irrigation District (DCID) to a discussion regarding 2021 water conditions and fish passage in Deer Creek. At this meeting, SVRIC and DCID were given an ultimatum: either (1) submit, in writing, and within one-week terms that SVRIC and DCID propose to implement to ensure fish passage in 2021 or (2) the SWRCB will adopt and impose emergency regulations curtailing (yet again) SVRIC's and DCID's senior, adjudicated water rights. Enclosed is an Outline of Drought Year 2021 Actions for Deer Creek provided in response to this ultimatum, on behalf of the boards of DCID and SVRIC. We would like to engage with you on this Outline, having made every effort to deliver it to you within the requested timeframe. Please provide the SWRCB's, CDFW's and NMFS' written response to this proposal in one week.

In the meantime, I am working in good faith to arrange a pulse flow on or shortly after the weekend of May 15th, consistent with conversations between myself and Matt Johnson of CDFW, and consistent with our mutual desire to assure fish passage this year.

Sincerely,



Mike Wallace

Stanford Vina Ranch Irrigation Company