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**RE: Comments on Temporary Urgency Change Order for the
Central Valley Project and State Water Project**

Dear Mr. Buckman and Members of the Board:

In advance of the State Water Resources Control Board's February 18, 2014 public workshop on drought-related topics, please accept these written comments from Grassland Water District and Grassland Resource Conservation District (collectively "GWD") regarding the January 31, 2014 Board Order ("Order"), modified on February 7, 2014, approving a Temporary Urgency Change Petition filed by the California Department of Water Resources and United States Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation").

GWD is the largest "refuge" water supply contractor located south of the Delta, and it receives water from Reclamation's Central Valley Project ("CVP"). The following comments address topics presented in the Board's notice of the public workshop: whether the Board's proposed changes are in the public interest or will have an unreasonable effect on wildlife.