Tam Docuc, Hearing Officer
Felicia Marcus, Hearing Officer
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 94596

August 9, 2017

Re: Response to Sacramento Valley Water Users’ (SVWU) Motion Seeking Documents from the Bureau of Reclamation

Dear Hearing Officers,

On August 8, 2017, the hearing officers “instructed State Water Board staff to direct DOI to respond to the SVWU’s motion by 5 pm on Wednesday, August 9, 2017.” SVWU seek certain documents they assert are maintained or otherwise under the control of the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) related to the Biological Opinions issued for the California Water Fix that is the subject of this process before the State Board. In its motion to compel, SVWU now seeks documents from the Department of the Interior. The original subpoena was directed to Reclamation, not the Department of the Interior. None the less, Reclamation has determined that it will voluntarily respond to this document request.

Counsel for Reclamation received a clarification from SVWU’s counsel as to the remaining documents they believe are responsive to their subpoena to Reclamation that have not already been provided by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). This includes documents related to items c, e, and f in the original subpoena. Reclamation has located the document responsive to item c and will provide it. All documents responsive to item e as described in the original subpoena have already been provided by DWR and have been added to the “WaterFix FTP site.” Documents responsive to item f that have not already been provided by DWR and added to the FTP site are documents maintained and under the control of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and are not Bureau of Reclamation documents. However, Reclamation has obtained a copy of these documents and will add them to the FTP site, even though Reclamation is not required to produce these documents.

Sincerely,

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