



CITY OF
FOLSOM



February 16, 2017

Hearing Chair Tam Doduc
Co-Hearing Chair Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

VIA E-MAIL

Re: California WaterFix Hearing – American River Water Agencies' Planned
Presentation of Proposed Terms and Conditions

Dear Ms. Doduc and Ms. Marcus:

Our agencies form the American River Water Agencies (ARWA) group in this hearing. We plan to propose that the SWRCB add certain terms to the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) water-right permits to ensure that the SWRCB's possible approval of Reclamation's California WaterFix change petition does not injure our agencies' water supplies or the lower American River's environment. Because of the close link between water supplies and maintenance of the environment in the lower American River, we propose to present those proposed terms, and all of the necessary supporting hydrological and biological technical information, in Part 2 of the hearing. This integrated approach reflects, among other things, the lower American River's unique nature as the only urban river designated under both the federal and state Wild & Scenic Rivers Acts.

Moreover, our agencies are members of the Water Forum, a collaborative group representing public agency, environmental and water supply interests on the lower American River. For over 15 years, the Water Forum has successfully implemented programs to meet two coequal objectives: providing a reliable and safe water supply for the region's economic health and planned development, and preserving the fishery, wildlife, recreational and aesthetic values of the lower American River. As members of the Water Forum, our agencies have worked with our partners in the environmental community, as well as state and federal agencies, to, among other things, develop and implement lower American River streamflow standards and Folsom Reservoir storage management measures that protect these coequal objectives.

Our main concern with California WaterFix, as is evidenced by the testimony we presented in Part 1 of this hearing, is the potential aggressive operation of Folsom Reservoir,


which, if not kept in check, could result in lower storage levels that would not only injure our water supplies, but also impact the reservoir's cold-water pool to the detriment of the lower American River and all of the progress we have made in the Water Forum. Our proposed terms will get directly at these issues involving impacts to water supplies and the environment, but presenting the proposed terms will involve significant scientific evidence regarding the environment of the lower American River and potential impacts to that environment. Because water supply and the environment are inextricably linked in the American River watershed, our preference is to present the proposed terms together in Part 2 of this hearing so as to provide a cohesive presentation and efficient use of resources including those of the State Water Resources Control Board.

We request confirmation from the SWRCB Hearing Team that presentation of proposed terms, and all of the necessary supporting hydrological and biological technical information, in Part 2 is consistent with the SWRCB's phasing of this hearing. If not, we would be required to split our presentation between Part 1 rebuttal and Part 2, which would likely lead to some inefficiencies and overlap. We will be prepared to proceed either way. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Regards,

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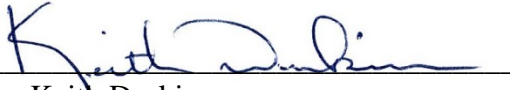
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Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Petitioners)**

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**AMERICAN RIVER WATER AGENCIES' PLANNED PRESENTATION OF
PROPOSED TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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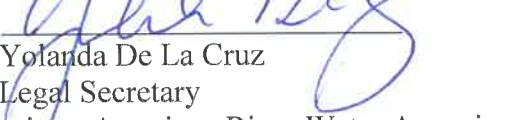
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