

February 17, 2017



Sacramento City-County
Office of Metropolitan
Water Planning

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

VIA E-MAIL

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

Dear Ms. Doduc and Ms. Marcus:

The Sacramento Water Forum is a party here to ensure that, if California WaterFix is approved, Folsom Reservoir would be operated consistently with the Water Forum's coequal objectives of providing a reliable water supply for the Sacramento region's long-term growth and economic health and preserving the lower American River's environmental values. Because the two objectives are intertwined in both the Water Forum Agreement and our work since the Agreement was signed in 2000, the Water Forum supports the American River Water Agencies' proposal to present proposed terms and conditions, along the supporting hydrological and biological testimony, as an integrated package in Part 2 of this hearing.

As I and others described during our presentation at the SWRCB's November 1, 2016 meeting, the Water Forum and its members have taken many steps to ensure that our region's water supplies are provided consistently with preserving the lower American River's environmental values. These steps include not only extensive habitat improvements, but also working with Reclamation to better manage the river's flows and Folsom Reservoir's cold-water pool to support Chinook salmon and listed steelhead. All of the American River Water Agencies are members of the Water Forum and have been deeply engaged in our work.

The Water Forum is very concerned that California WaterFix's implementation could result in Folsom Reservoir being drawn down by overly aggressive storage releases in years preceding dry winters, causing water-supply and environmental crises the following year. This scenario occurred in 2013 and early 2014 and could occur more frequently with California WaterFix. The Water Forum therefore has been working with the American River Water Agencies to propose terms and conditions in this hearing as the SWRCB has requested. Like everything the Water Forum does, this work has been intended to advance our coequal objectives together. We therefore support the presentation of the terms and conditions and supporting technical information as a package in Part 2 of this hearing. Among other things, the extensive biological testimony that is necessary would be best placed in Part 2.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Gohring".

Tom Gohring
Executive Director

cc: California WaterFix service list

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):

**California WaterFix Hearing – Water Forum Support for American River Water Agencies'
Planned Presentation of Proposed Terms and Conditions**

to be served **by Electronic Mail** (email) upon the parties listed in Table 1 of the **Current Service List** for the California WaterFix Petition hearing, dated January 13, 2017, 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 February 17, 2017.

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