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Tam Doduc, Hearing Chair
Felicia Marcus, Hearing Officer
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-01000

**RE: Friends of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge's Request to
Substitute Witnesses**

Dear Hearing Chair Doduc and Hearing Officer Marcus:

This letter is to request a substitution of one of the witnesses for Friends of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge ("FSL"). Specifically, FSL proposes to substitute Robert Burness for Scott Finley to present the information in Exhibit FSL-1 (Testimony of Scott Finley), which describes FSL and its role protecting the resources of the Refuge. Moreover, Mr. Finley's testimony explains the physical make-up of the Refuge, the threats faced by the Refuge, and its importance to wildlife and the public generally.

The reason for this request is that Mr. Finley is out of the country, and therefore is unavailable to provide his testimony. Similar to Mr. Finley, Mr. Burness has served as Chair of FSL's Conservation Committee and serves on the FSL Board of Directors.

Allowing this substitution will not prejudice the other parties. Mr. Burness will adopt Mr. Finley's written testimony, Exhibit FSL-1, as his own, with the exception of paragraphs 1 and 2, which describe Mr. Finley's background. Mr. Burness' background is provided in his statement of qualifications (ECOS-2) provided in conjunction with his testimony on regional conservation issues (ECOS-1), which Mr. Burness will present on a separate panel. If this request is approved, Mr. Burness' testimony would be Exhibit FSL-3.

Very truly yours,

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By: 

Osha R. Meserve

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Attachment: Statement of Service



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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, April 3, 2018, submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and caused a true and correct copy of the following document:

- FSL-3
- Updated FSL Exhibit Identification List
- Letter dated April 3, 2018, addressed to Hearing Officers re: Friends of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge's Request to Substitute Witnesses

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 March 26, 2018, posted by the State Water Resources Control Board at https://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 on April 3, 2018.

Signature: _____

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