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Written Rebuttal Testimony of Kristin White

My name is Kristin White and I have been involved in water supply modeling for multiple Reclamation systems through various projects since 2010. In addition, since 2013, I have served as an operations liaison for internal divisions and external agencies to provide input and review on evaluating operational effects, appropriate operational descriptions and methods for modeling current and future operation of the CVP. I became the Deputy Operations Manager for the Central Valley Operations office in December 2017.

In my time with Reclamation, I have come to understand the coordinated reservoir operations within the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) and their sensitivities to restrictions and variable hydrology. I have reviewed the Part 2 rebuttal testimony of Nancy Parker for which I provided input on the relationship between modeling and operations. Nancy's conclusions regarding redirected impacts from the Folsom Reservoir storage restrictions being proposed by Protestants are consistent with my understanding of how the system would respond in daily operations.

Based on my experience and understanding of the system, similar impacts and challenges would be expected in the event storage and/or release limitations were placed on other CVP reservoirs, including Trinity and Shasta. Hydrologic conditions vary each year and within each year, making flexibility a key to operating the CVP and SWP in an efficient manner that best achieves the multiple beneficial uses and obligations of the CVP, to the extent possible.

This concludes my written testimony.