



September 15, 2016

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Hearing Chair Tam Doduc
Hearing Officer Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
Sacramento, CA

Re: Proposed groupings and order of parties for direct testimony in Part 1B of the California Waterfix Hearing and proposed order of parties for cross-examination

Dear Hearing Chair Doduc and Hearing Officer Marcus:

Protestants Friends of the River, Planning and Conservation League, and Sierra Club California by this joint letter submit their proposed groupings and order of parties for direct testimony in Part 1B of the Waterfix Change Petition Hearing and proposed order of parties for cross-examination.

In Part 1A, Planning and Conservation League was grouped by itself as Group Number 33, and Friends of the River and Sierra Club California were grouped together, also as Group Number 33. We are satisfied with this grouping of our organizations and propose that it be repeated for Part 1B.

With respect to order of parties for direct testimony and for cross-examination, we propose that protestant water agencies, water districts and other public agencies conduct direct and cross-examination before our non-profit public interest organizations. The public agency protestants have greater resources such as legal counsel, staff and retained experts than do our public interest organizations. Allowing the public agency protestants to go first will be most likely to result in efficient direct and cross-examination, reduce unnecessary repetition, and thus result in the most efficient Hearing process possible.

Our groups in Part1A followed Restore the Delta which was group number 32, and preceded the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water which was Group Number 34. Though group numbers may change for Part 1B, we propose for Part 1B that our group follow Restore the Delta and precede the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water as was the case in Part 1A.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Service Certificate

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