

### TESTIMONY OF JOHN W. COLLINS

My name is John W. Collins. I am a Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist) with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) working in the Office of the Delta Watermaster (Watermaster). I have 15 years of experience with the State Water Board, with 5 years of experience working for the Watermaster. My primary duties are working with interested parties in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in the overall administration of the water rights of individual agricultural interests, Delta agencies, and special districts. Other duties include the evaluation of in-Delta water rights and facilities using a variety of tools including ArcGIS, METRIC and eWRIMS. A copy of my resume is attached as Prosecution Team Exhibit WR-20.

This testimony is based on my personal knowledge and concerns my May 18, 2015 site inspection of the West Side Irrigation District's (WSID) pumping plant. My immediate supervisor, Michael George, instructed me to inspect the WSID pumping plant in order to investigate WSID's compliance with the Division of Water Rights' May 1, 2015 Notice of Unavailability of Water, which was sent to junior water-rights holders within the Sacramento River Watershed and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The WSID pumping plant, at the end of Wicklund Cut on the south bank of Old River, is within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Upon my arrival at the WSID pumping plant location, I approached WSID employee Rick Martinez and introduced myself. I also indicated that I was on an inspection assignment in connection with State Water Board curtailment notices. Mr. Martinez showed me the pump station in which pumps were housed in an enclosed structure (pump house). Upon entering the pump house, I noticed and could hear that pumps were turned on and running. Mr. Martinez stated that the pumps that were running were collecting tailwater runoff that spills from the Bethany Drain into the Wicklund Cut. Mr. Martinez also stated that WSID was advised by their legal counsel that collecting the tailwater from Wicklund Cut was within their legal right, and they could redistribute that water to farmers with orchard crops (trees) for beneficial use within the legal boundaries of WSID.

I drafted an inspection report concerning my May 18, 2015 inspection of the WSID pumping plant. I finalized the report on June 18, 2015, and a true and correct copy of my inspection report is attached as Prosecution Team Exhibit WR-134. The inspection report includes pictures that I took during my May 18 site inspection. Besides conducting the May 18 site inspection and drafting the report attached to this statement, I have not been involved in this proceeding concerning WSID.

My inspection report erroneously references the April 23, 2015, Notice of Unavailability. It is my understanding that WSID is subject to the May 1, 2015, Notice of Unavailability, as described above.

Exhibit WR-150 is a true and correct copy of a Google Map image I prepared showing the WSID pump station and the WSID drain discharge location.