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## State Water Resources Control Board

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Byron-Bethany Irrigation District Attn: Rick Gilmore, General Manager 7995 Bruns Road Byron, CA 94514 CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7003 1680 0000 2965 9480

Daniel Kelley CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7003 1680 0000 2965 9473 General Counsel, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District Somach Simmons & Dunn 500 Capital Mall, Suite 1000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Messrs. Gilmore and Kelley:

ENFORCEMENT ACTION ENF01951 – ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED DIVERSION OF WATER FROM THE INTAKE CHANNEL TO THE BANKS PUMPING PLANT (FORMERLY ITALIAN SLOUGH) IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Enclosed is an Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Complaint relating to your diversions from the intake channel to the Banks Pumping Plant (formerly Italian Slough) after June 12, 2015. This letter serves as notice to Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID) that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division), intends to impose the proposed Administrative Civil Liability.

You have 20 days from receipt of this notice to act or face additional enforcement without further notice. Therefore, this matter requires your immediate attention.

VIOLATION DESCRIPTION

BBID is alleged to have diverted a total of approximately two thousand sixty-seven (2,067) acrefeet over the course of thirteen days, from June 13 through June 25, 2015, during which water was unavailable to serve BBID's water right. The violation is further described in the enclosed ACL Complaint.

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY

California Water Code, section 1052, prohibits the unauthorized diversion of water. Water Code section 1052 authorizes the State Water Board to administratively impose civil liability for unauthorized diversions of water during periods of drought emergency in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per day of violation plus \$2,500 per acre-foot diverted without authorization.

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