Ladies and Gentlemen:

On November 3, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board or Board) received written requests from the Division of Water Rights Prosecution Team and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for witnesses Joey Howard and Robert Holmes, respectively, to participate in the hearing remotely via teleconference or videoconference. The Hearing Officer understands the concerns raised; however, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board hearing room does not have the capability to conduct videoconferencing and other forms of remote participation would cause significant technical difficulties. Therefore, the Hearing Officer denies the requests for remote witness participation.

Sincerely,

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