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To: Santa Ana River Water Right Hearing Service List

## SANTA ANA RIVER WATER RIGHT HEARING: NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULING ON PROCEDURAL MATTER

On April 25, 2007, the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project Local Sponsors (Local Sponsors) request to submit a Revised Notice of Intent to Appear that adds Ruth Villalobos, Chief, Planning Division of the Los Angeles District for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to its witness list for direct testimony.

I have tentatively concluded that the request should be granted, subject to conditions. It is the policy of the State Water Resources Control Board to discourage the introduction of surprise testimony and exhibits. (Code Regs., tit. 23, §648.4, subd. (a).) It does not appear, however, that adding Ms. Villalobos to the witness list for direct testimony will unfairly surprise other parties. The exhibits submitted by the Local Sponsors include a document authored by Ms. Villalobos, and the Local Sponsors had previously identified Ms. Villalobos as a rebuttal witness.

Accordingly, I propose to approve the request of the Local Sponsors to submit a Revised Notice of Intent to Appear that adds Ruth Villalobos to its witness list for direct testimony, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The direct testimony of Ms. Villalobos shall be limited to matters pertaining to the exhibits that have been submitted by the Local Sponsors; and
- 2) If the Local Sponsors seek to qualify Ms. Villalobos as an expert, they shall prepare a curriculum vitae and distributed copies electronically to all parties no later than noon Monday, April 30, 2007.

The parties have until noon Friday, April 27, 2007, to submit any objections to the proposed ruling. Objections may be submitted electronically. If no objections are submitted by noon, April 27, 2007, this proposed ruling shall become final.

Sincerely,

  
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**SANTA ANA RIVER HEARING**  
**May 2, 2007 HEARING**  
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