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Service List,

On Monday, March 11, 2019, Deputy Director Erik Ekdahl and Staff Counsel Lily Weaver met with Delta Watermaster Michael George. During that meeting, Mr. George opined that the pending appeal in Modesto Irrigation District v. Tanaka may provide some clarity regarding issues relevant to the George Speckman Testamentary Trust - Whiskey Slough in San Joaquin County - Cease and Desist Order Hearing. Mr. George expressed a preference that the Hearing Team wait to schedule the hearing in that matter until after the court issues a decision in the Tanaka case.

Please provide any written comments related to this disclosure no later than noon, April 12, 2019.

Sincerely,

Michael Buckman Hearings Unit Chief, Division of Water Rights State Water Resources Control Board 916.341.5448