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Tam Doduc, Hearing Chair and Co-Hearing Officer Felicia Marcus, Co-Hearing Officer State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814

> RE: California WaterFix Hearing – LAND et al.'s Objection to Department of Water Resources' Request to Issue Notice for Part 2 of WaterFix Water Rights Change Petition Hearing and Joinder in Save the California Delta Alliance's Request re: Commencement of Part 2

Dear Hearing Chair Doduc, Hearing Officer Marcus, and California WaterFix Hearing Staff:

Protestants' Local Agencies of the North Delta, Bogle Vineyards/Delta Watershed Landowner Coalition, Diablo Vineyards and Brad Lange/Delta Watershed Landowner Coalition, Stillwater Orchards/Delta Watershed Landowner Coalition, and Friends of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (collectively herein, "LAND et al.") object to the August 3, 2017 request of petitioner Department of Water Resources that you issue notice of Part 2 of this hearing, for the reasons stated in the August 3, 2017 correspondence of Save the California Delta Alliance.

LAND et al. hereby join in Save the California Delta Alliance's request that Part 2 of this hearing only begin at least 90 days after:

- Completion of the Endangered Species Act permitting process for all components of the project, including construction and operation of the new intakes Petitioners seek approval of in this proceeding;
- (2) Issuance of the Bureau of Reclamation's Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act; and

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> (3) Submittal of a complete stand-alone project description that complies with title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, section 794, and is presented in a succinct and understandable format that omits all outdated or superseded operating criteria and includes all currently sought operating criteria.

Commencing Part 2 prior to these actions being taken would contradict the prior rulings of the Hearing Officers and severely prejudice Protestants in this proceeding.

Thank you for considering our concerns. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very truly yours,

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