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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

California WaterFix – EJCW's response 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 and Hearing Officer Marcus:

The Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW) strongly disagrees with the Department of Water Resources' request, submitted August 3, 2017, that the Hearing Officers issue notice to schedule Part 2 of the California WaterFix water right change petition hearing. EJCW disagrees that sufficient substantive information is available at this time to notice Part 2.

Rather, we agree with and join in the August 3, 2017, request of Save the California Delta Alliance that the start of Part 2 should not be scheduled until at least 90 days after: (1) completion of all steps of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) process; (2) issuance of Reclamation's Record of Decision (ROD) and certification of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and (3) Petitioners' submission of a complete and current, stand-alone project description, including all currently known elements of project operating criteria, for the reasons proffered, therein.

We appreciate the Hearing Officers' prompt attention to this matter to provide clarity to all parties, as DWR's request substantially conflicts with EJCW's understanding of past Rulings regarding the commencement of Part 2.

Sincerely,

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