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16 BEFORE THE  
17 CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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19 HEARING ON THE MATTER OF  
20 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER  
RESOURCES AND UNITED STATES  
21 BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REQUEST  
FOR A CHANGE IN POINT OF DIVERSION  
22 FOR CALIFORNIA WATER FIX.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF CHRISTOPH DOBSON

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24 Christoph Dobson is the Director of Policy and Planning for the Sacramento  
25 Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San). His direct testimony for Part 1 of the  
26 WaterFix Hearing is Exhibit SRCSD-2.

27 Mr. Dobson's testimony describes Regional San's water recycling goals, and its  
28 past, ongoing, and planned water recycling activities and projects.

1           In 2007, Regional San completed its Water Recycling Opportunities Study, which  
2 has helped guide Regional San’s vision for water recycling. Currently, Regional San  
3 provides tertiary treatment and disinfection for a relatively small portion of the  
4 Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP) effluent, and Regional San  
5 holds a master wastewater reclamation permit that authorizes up to 10 million gallons  
6 per day (mgd) of recycled water production, with distribution through the Sacramento  
7 County Water Agency. To date, up to about 3.5 mgd has been utilized under this permit,  
8 in the City of Elk Grove. Regional San recently developed a recycled water fill station at  
9 the SRWTP that makes water available to tanker trucks, street sweeping, residential  
10 customers and other uses, and is evaluating the development of a distribution system to  
11 expand that program. Regional San anticipates that in 2017 it will begin to provide  
12 approximately 1,000 acre-feet of recycled water to a cogeneration facility, which may in  
13 turn open up further recycled water opportunities in the City of Sacramento that could  
14 rely on the same transmission line.

15           Regional San’s vision includes the increase in recycling by up to 30-40 mgd  
16 by 2024. The South Sacramento County Agriculture and Habitat Lands Recycled Water  
17 Program (South County Ag Program) that would provide drought-proof irrigation water to  
18 agriculture and habitat lands in south Sacramento County that are currently using  
19 ground and surface water, thus minimizing reliance on these water supplies. This  
20 program is anticipated to provide up to 50,000 acre-feet per year of Title 22 disinfected,  
21 tertiary-treated recycled water available from the EchoWater Project, for irrigation, in-lieu  
22 recharge, and habitat enhancement. This project has considerable stakeholder support.  
23 A draft environmental impact report for the project was released in July 2016, and in  
24 August 2016, Regional San filed a wastewater change petition with the State Water  
25 Resources Control Board for the project. Regional San is also planning an expansion of  
26 recycled water deliveries of up to 260 acre-feet in the East Franklin and Laguna Ridge  
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areas of Elk Grove, which may be facilitated by transmission facilities for the South  
County Ag Program.

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