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Subject: CVP/SWP Temporary Urgency Petition - American River and Temperature Management Plan

Importance: High

Mr. Howard –

As you may recall from the SWRCB's workshops concerning the CVP/SWP temporary urgency petitions (TUCPs) during the last two years, I represent the Cities of Folsom and Roseville and San Juan Water District. These agencies depend on diversions directly from Folsom Reservoir for their primary water supply to serve approximately 500,000 people. On behalf of these agencies, as well as the City of Sacramento and Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), I would like to request a meeting with you as soon as possible to discuss the potential impacts on all of these agencies of certain water temperature management proposals discussed in the Bureau of Reclamation's submittal yesterday under condition 6b of the SWRCB's March 5, 2015 TUCP order. We are hopeful that we can meet with you as early as possible next week.

The primary subject we would like to discuss with you is the impacts that would occur to the communities and fisheries on the American River and the lower Sacramento River if the proposals identified as "90% Salmonid Plan" and "90% Temperature optimal SWCB scenario" were to be implemented. As indicated by the modeling results for those proposals in Reclamation's submittal yesterday, implementation of those proposals would result in very low levels of storage occurring in Folsom Reservoir as early as August (90% Salmonid Plan) or November (90% Temperature optimal SWCB scenario), with the reservoir being dry by the end of September (90% Salmonid Plan) or December (90% Temperature optimal SWCB scenario). In addition, those scenarios would result in very low flows in the lower Sacramento River.

We believe that, under the conditions that would exist under these two proposals, numerous severe impacts would occur in the Sacramento metropolitan region, including:

- Folsom Reservoir intake. The water-supply intake in Folsom Reservoir on which the Cities of Folsom and Roseville and San Juan Water District depend would be dry when the amount of water stored in the reservoir drops below about 100,000 acre-feet. This condition would prevent these agencies from accessing not only their CVP water-service contract supplies, but also the supplies under Folsom's and San Juan's settlement contracts with Reclamation – which reflect water rights with pre-1860 priorities – and the supplies available to Roseville under its water-supply contract with PCWA.
- City of Sacramento diversions. Last year, the City of Sacramento experienced significant problems with both its American River and Sacramento River diversions during very low flow conditions. Sacramento has installed equipment to attempt to address these problems, but expects to face significant risks of vortices and cavitation at its Sacramento River diversion when that river's flow drops to 5,000 cfs and at its American River diversion when flows in that river drop below 500 cfs.
- American River salmonids. Reclamation's modeling results for the 90% Salmonid Plan and the 90% Temperature optimal SWCB scenario indicate that, in those scenarios, Folsom Reservoir would experience very low storage levels no later than September. As a result, the lower American River's fall-run salmon and listed steelhead would experience very adverse conditions.

We appreciate the difficulty of your task in reviewing proposals for operating CVP and SWP facilities in this second consecutive extremely dry year. We would like to meet with you to discuss the potential impacts within the Sacramento region to provide you with information to consider in reviewing those proposals. We would appreciate meeting with you at your soonest convenience to have this discussion. If you could provide me with the earliest possible date and time for such a meeting, we will ensure that our representatives can attend.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My office telephone number is (916) 446-4254. My mobile telephone number is (530) 574-0374. I am available on my mobile telephone this afternoon.

Kind regards,
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