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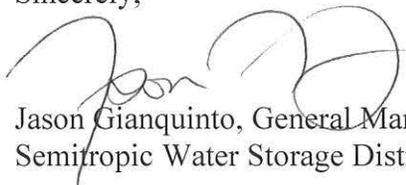
Subject: Objection to Order Approving in Part and Denying In Part a Petition for Temporary Urgency Changes to License and Permit Terms and Conditions Requiring Compliance with Delta Water Quality Objectives in Response to Drought conditions.

Dear State Water Resources Control Board Members,

On behalf of the farmers and landowners of the Semitropic Water Storage District, I am writing to convey our significant concern with the recent Order issued by the SWRCB Executive Director which denied in part the Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) as submitted by Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR). Specifically, the Order denied the request for modifications export limits, with the reasoning that "there is not currently adequate information to indicate that this export level is reasonable." How is this the case when the DWR and the USBR worked diligently with the regulating agencies charged with analyzing the biological impacts of the request and received their concurrence on the proposed petition? For the SWRCB to disregard the analysis of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is unacceptable.

Therefore, the Semitropic Water Storage District on behalf of our farmers strongly urges the SWRCB to approve the TUCP as submitted and rely upon the findings of the State and Federal Agencies charged with analyzing the biological impacts of the changed operations. We do not have the luxury to miss another opportunity to capture water supply during this 4<sup>th</sup> year of drought.

Sincerely,



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