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HAND DELIVERY

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights Records Unit 1001 I Street, 2ND Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 Attn: Leslie Grober, Deputy Director

RE:

Semitropic's Petition to Revise and/or Revoke Declaration of Fully Appropriated

Stream Systems For the Kings River; Application to Appropriate Water

Dear Mr. Grober:

Enclosed for immediate filing please find: a Petition to Revise and/or Revoke the Declaration of Fully Appropriated Stream Systems for the Kings River, including Exhibits "A" and "B" thereto; a proposed Application to Appropriate Water and associated Underground Storage Supplement form, with attachments and exhibits thereto; and a check (No. 25174) payable to the California Department of Fish and Game in the amount of \$850.00 for the Streamflow Protection Standards review fee [Pub. Resources Code § 10005(a)]. These documents are submitted on behalf of the Semitropic Improvement District of the Semitropic Water Storage District ("Semitropic").

We have determined that the State Water Resources Control Board's fee^a for the Petition is \$10,000.00 and that the fee for the Application is \$506,145.00, pursuant to 23 Cal. Code Regs. § 1062. In that regard, also enclosed please find a check (No. 25176) in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Petition, and a separate check (No. 25175) in the amount of \$506,145.00, payable to the Division of Water Rights. We understand that if the State Water Resources Control Board does not grant the Petition to Revise and/or Revoke the Declaration of Fully Appropriated Stream Systems, and as a result of the Application is not accepted for filing, these fees will be refunded minus the non-refundable \$250 fee for initial review. (See 23 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 871(c), 1062(c); Division of Water Rights Application Instruction Booklet, p. 3.)

Semitropic makes these submittals after extensive discussions with representatives of the Kings River Water Association ("KRWA") aimed at reaching a mutually beneficial agreement

^a The enclosed fee amounts are based the "Fiscal Year 2016-17 Fee Schedule Summary" viewed at the Diversion of Water Rights' website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/fees/docs/fy1617 finalfeeschedulesummary.pdf.

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regarding future use of Kings River flood flows for Semitropic's proposed Tulare Lake Storage and Floodwater Protection Project and future KRWA member projects. Notwithstanding these ongoing cooperative discussions, Semitropic has recently been informed that certain members of the KRWA have filed an application to appropriate Kings River water. Semitropic remains committed to continuing such discussions with representatives of the KRWA in spite of this development.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Gianquinto, General Manager, Semitropic Water Storage District

Enclosures:

- 1-Petition to Revise and/or Revoke FAS Declaration (Kings River System) (with Ex. A & B)
- 2-Application to Appropriate Water (with Attachment and other enclosures)
- 3-Underground Storage Supplement (with Attachment A and other enclosures)
- 4-Check No. 25174 for \$850 (Streamflow Protection Standards Review Fee)
- 5-Check No. 25176 for \$10,000 (Petition to Revise FAS Declaration Fee)
- 6-Check No. 25175 for \$506,145 (Application to Appropriate Water Fee)

cc: Downey Brand LLP, Attn: Kevin O'Brien, Esq.