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Attached is Reclamation's comment letter on the "Notice of Petition for Temporary Change Involving the Transfer of up to 10,000 acre-feet of Water from the South Feather Water and Power Agency to San Diego County Water Authority Under Permits 1267 and 2492 (Applications 1651 and 2778)" as notice on January 13, 2009.

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Subject: Notice of Petition for Temporary Change Involving the Transfer of up to 10,000 Acre-Feet of Water from the South Feather Water and Power Agency (SFWPA) to San Diego County Water Authority Under Permit 1267 and 2492 (Applications 1651 and 2778) – Central Valley Project

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Bureau of Reclamation has reviewed the subject notice and has the following comments.

Prior to filing this Petition for Temporary Change dated December 23, 2008, SFWPA filed a similar petition on March 28, 2008, for transfer of 10,000 acre-feet of water stored in Little Grass Valley Reservoir and Sly Creek Reservoir pursuant to Applications 1651 and 2778. That petition was approved and Order WR 2008-0030-DWR granted July 3, 2008. Included in the terms and conditions were a refill agreement between SFWPA and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Condition Term 3 addressing redirection of water at Clifton Court Forebay and Barker Slough Pumping Plant being subject to compliance with the Delta Smelt Biological Opinion and other applicable biological opinions, and any court orders applicable to those operations as required by DWR and Reclamation. Condition Term 3 also discussed water quality objectives and compliance with D-1641 as prerequisites for use of the Joint Points of Diversion by DWR and Reclamation.

Reclamation requests that a similar refill agreement between SFWPA and DWR and the language contained in Term 3 of Order WR 2008-0030-DWR be included in any order granted this petition.

Comments may be directed to Ms. Louise Lindgard of our water rights staff at 916-978-5258.

Sincerely,

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