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Katherine Mrowka
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Water Rights Permitting Unit
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SUBJECT: Placer County Water Agency Permit No. 13856 (Application No. 18085)
Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers

Dear Ms. Mrowka,

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) hereby submits to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Division of Water Rights a Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers (Petition) to facilitate a 35,000 acre foot (ac-ft) water transfer (Transfer) to Westlands Water District (WWD) pursuant to Water Code §1725-1732. This transfer would involve surplus water currently stored in PCWA’s Middle Fork Project reservoirs pursuant to SWRCB water right Permit No. 13856.

In accordance with Water Code §1728 this Transfer shall occur within one year from the date of approval by the SWRCB. Transfer releases to WWD would initiate following SWRCB Petition approval and be completed by September 30, 2014. As shown in the technical modeling results (Attachment G), the timing and volume of the proposed Transfer will have a beneficial effect on in-stream flows and water temperature in the Lower American River, as well as supporting Folsom Lake water surface elevation that is critical to maintaining municipal and industrial diversion capabilities. In addition, the release of Transfer water will significantly benefit the regional whitewater economy while providing a flexible asset to the California Independent System Operator for management of the electrical grid in a year when these assets are quite limited. Further, this Transfer involves water that would not otherwise be released from storage by PCWA for any other purpose.

The attached petition includes all information required under Water Code §1725-1732 to demonstrate that this transfer will not injure any downstream legal user of water and would not unreasonably affect fish, wildlife, or any other in-stream beneficial uses.

Enclosed with this submittal are the following:

- One original and one CD copy of PCWA's Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers (dated May 23, 2014) including the required Environmental Information Form for Petitions (Attachment A);
- A check in the amount of \$12,497 made payable to the State Water Board for Petition filing fees; and
- A check in the amount of \$850 made payable to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

PCWA would like to thank Division staff for their continued diligence and expeditious processing of Change Petitions consistent with the Governor's April 25, 2014 Executive Order. PCWA is available to assist Division staff with any technical or administrative functions needed to complete the approval process.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (530) 308-4507. Alternatively, you can reach PCWA's Resource Development point of contact for water transfers, Benjamin Barker, at (530) 863-8342 mobile, or (530) 823-1742 office.

Sincerely,



Andrew Fecko
Director of Resource Development

Enclosures

c: David Breninger, General Manager, PCWA
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