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SUBJECT: Placer County Water Agency Water Right Permit No. 13856 (Application
 No. 18085) 2015 Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers

Dear Mr. McFarland:

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 12,000 acre foot (ac-ft) water transfer (Transfer) to East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) pursuant to Water Code §1725-1732. This transfer would involve surplus¹ water currently stored in PCWA's Middle Fork American River Project (MFA) reservoirs that was diverted prior to the SWRCB's May 1, 2015 Notice effectively curtailing Permit No. 13856.

In accordance with Water Code §1728 this transfer shall occur within one year from the date of approval by the SWRCB. The proposed transfer of 12,000 ac-ft of water to EBMUD would begin as soon as all regulatory approvals are in place and will likely be completed by September 30, 2015. As detailed in the Petition package, the supplemental Transfer releases from Folsom Reservoir, which are anticipated to occur between mid-August and through September, will provide temperature benefits to the Lower American River as well as support Folsom Reservoir operations.

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 affect fish, wildlife, or any other in-stream beneficial uses.

¹ The 'surplus' water identified for the proposed 12,000 AF Transfer is comprised of water that would not otherwise be released from storage by PCWA for any other purpose in 2015.

PCWA respectfully requests that Division staff expedite their review and reduce the public comment period to the degree possible under California Water Code and consistent with the Governor's January 17, 2015 Drought Proclamation in order for PCWA to commence the physical release of water as soon as possible. PCWA is available to assist Division staff with any technical or administrative tasks needed to complete the approval process.

Enclosed with this submittal are the following:

- One original and one compact disk copy of PCWA's 2015 Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers including the required Environmental Information Form for Petitions;
- A check for Petition filing fees in the amount of \$5,597 made payable to the State Water Board; and
- A check in the amount of \$850 made payable to the CDFW (per Public Resources Code, § 10005).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (530) 308-4507. Alternatively, you can reach PCWA's technical point of contact for water transfers, Benjamin Barker, at (530) 863-8342 mobile, or (530) 823-1742 office.

Sincerely,

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY



Andrew Fecko
Director of Resource Development

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Enclosures

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