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May 17, 2019

Mr. Erik Ekdahl, Deputy Director Division of Water Rights State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Subject: Merced Irrigation District Petition for Temporary Transfer under

License 2685 (Application 1224)

Dear Mr. Ekdahl:

On behalf of Merced Irrigation District (Merced), enclosed are the following documents, relative to a Petition for Change Involving Water Transfer (Petition) under Merced's License 2685 (Application 1224):

- 1. Petition Form together with an Attachment and a Map.
- 2. Environmental Information Form with Attachment.
- 3. Check in the amount of \$7,997.00 to cover the Petition fees.
- 4. Check in the amount of \$850.00 to cover the fee for the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Merced is petitioning to temporarily add a place of use to its License 2685 in order to supply previously stored surface water to agricultural lands located near the boundaries of Merced's authorized place of use. These lands include an area known as Merced's Sphere of Influence Lands (SOI Lands), an area known as: the Red Top Area, Le Grand-Athlone Water District, Lone Tree Mutual Water Company, East Side Water District, Turner Island Water District, and Chowchilla Water District, which are all located within Merced County. Approval of this Petition would provide for a proposed temporary transfer quantity of up to 20,000 AF, made available from Merced by releases of previously stored surface water for use within these areas and entities.

We appreciate your attention to this temporary transfer Petition. Please call if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Gary Sawyers, Merced County SOI Water Users Association

Brad Robson, Le Grand-Athlone Water District

Doug Welch, Chowchilla Water District

George Park, Lone Tree Mutual Water Company

Ward Burroughs, East Side Water District

Chase Hurley, Red Top Area

Scott Skinner, Turner Island Water District

Annette Tenneboe, Department of Fish and Wildlife (via certified mail)

Dean Marston, Department of Fish and Wildlife (via certified mail)

Matt Scroggins, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (via certified mail)

Mariposa County Supervisors (via certified mail)

Merced County Supervisors (via certified mail)