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Attachments: DWR'S Motion for Protective Order.pdf; A- Leahigh Direct.pdf; B- May 5 and 8 emails.pdf; C- OLaughlin Cross.pdf; D- Spaletta Cross.pdf; E- SJTA Recross.pdf; F- Parties Re-cross

Estimates.pdf; Proof of Service - DWR'S motion for protective order.pdf

Dear Hearing Officers Doduc and Marcus,

The Department of Water Resources respectfully submits its Motion for Protective Order and Exhibits A-F.

This message is electronically served upon the parties indicated in the revised service list dated May 31, 2017. A copy is being mailed to Clifton Court L.P.

Respectfully

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8	BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
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10	HEARING IN THE MATTER OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES' MOTION FOR
11	RESOURCES AND UNITED STATES SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY'S AND
12	BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REQUEST NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S NOTICE
13 14	DIVERSION FOR CALIFORNIA WATER AND SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM
15	California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") requests that the Hearing
16	Officers issue an order pursuant to Government Code section 11450.30, subdivision (b)
17	protecting it from the unreasonable demands in San Joaquin County's and North San
18	Joaquin Water Conservation District's ("San Joaquin Parties") Notice and Subpoena
19	Duces Tecum Requesting the Appearance at Hearing and Production of Documents
20	("Notice"). The Notice is duplicative and untimely, and does not comply with the laws and
21 22	regulations that apply to this proceeding. The Hearing Officers should vacate the Notice,
23	making it clear that parties should seek information in a timely manner and further
24	duplicative untimely requests will not be permitted.
25	I. STATEMENT OF FACTS
26	DWR served its rebuttal testimony and exhibits in this proceeding on March 23,
27	2017. This included DWR-78, which is the written rebuttal testimony of DWR witness
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John Leahigh, and Exhibit DWR-10, which was generated in PowerPoint and contains charts on pages 6, 8, 10, and 12.¹ (See Exhibit A.) Mr. Leahigh explained each of these charts in his written rebuttal testimony. (DWR-78, at pp. 5-9.) On May 4, 2017, Mr. Leahigh presented his rebuttal testimony.

More than a month after they received Mr. Leahigh's rebuttal testimony, on May 5, 2017, San Joaquin Parties requested the data that was used to generate the charts in DWR-10. (See Exhibit B, at pp. 2-3.) On May 8, 2017, DWR produced to all parties DWR-903 to DWR-906, which are tables of the data that underlie the charts in DWR-10 at pages 6, 8, and 10. Also on May 8, 2017, DWR informed the parties that the data underlying the chart in DWR-10 at page 12 are CALSIM results that have already been made available to the hearing parties. (See Exhibit B, at pp. 1-2.)

On May 9, 2017, San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, et al. ("SJTA") and San Joaquin Parties cross-examined Mr. Leahigh extensively regarding DWR-10, DWR-78, and DWR-903 to DWR-906. (See Exhibits C & D.) During SJTA's cross examination, Hearing Chair Doduc informed counsel for SJTA that "[Y]ou've actually been quite artful, and you've laid out what the table is and what it shows. It's obvious the data is what's available here. You've made your point. It's in the record." (Exhibit C, at 99:24-100:4.)

While being cross examined by San Joaquin Parties later on May 9, 2017, Mr. Leahigh indicated that he created DWR-903 to DWR-906, which are data tables, by pulling the data from the Excel file that was used to create the charts in DWR-10 at pages 6, 8, and 10. San Joaquin Parties began calling the Excel file "a master spreadsheet." (See Exhibit D, at 252:5-252:7.) After San Joaquin Parties requested the Excel file from which DWR-903 to DWR-906 were pulled, Hearing Chair Doduc ruled that

¹ DWR-850 is the chart on page 6 of DWR-10; DWR-851 is the chart on page 8 of DWR-10; DWR-852 is the chart on page 10 of DWR-10; and DWR-853 is the chart on page 12 of DWR-10.

DWR-906, and if the Excel file "contains other data that is not part of his rebuttal, it would be outside the scope for [San Joaquin Parties'] cross-examination." (*Id.*, at 253:12-253:17.)

Even after this ruling, San Joaquin Parties submitted a second request for the Excel file and a separate request for "a master spreadsheet." (*Id.*, at 254:14-254:24.) DWR objected to this request. (*Id.*, at 255:10-255:15.) On May 12, 2017, SJTA asked Mr. Leahigh questions on re-cross. (See Exhibit E.) San Joaquin Parties chose not to participate in re-cross, thus waiving their right to further cross examine Mr. Leahigh in this phase of the proceeding. (See Exhibit F.)

On June 2, 2017, more than two months after they received Mr. Leahigh's rebuttal testimony, San Joaquin Parties served their Notice requesting that a DWR witness appear at the hearing on June 15, 2017 and provide the Excel versions of the data tables DWR-903 to DWR-906 and the Excel file that San Joaquin Parties began calling the "master spreadsheet" during their cross examination of Mr. Leahigh on May 9, 2017.

II. ARGUMENT

San Joaquin Parties' Notice has the legal effect as a subpoena issued under Government Code section 11450.010. (Gov. Code, § 11450.10.) A person served with a subpoena, or, as in this case, a written notice requesting attendance of a witness and documents, may object to the terms of the subpoena or notice by a motion for a protective order. (Gov. Code, § 11450.30, subd. (a).) The hearing officers may issue any order that is appropriate to protect the parties or the witness from unreasonable demands. (Gov. Code § 11450.30, subd. (b).)

The Hearing Notice and the Board's regulations indicate what statutes govern Board hearings. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648; October 30, 2105 Hearing Notice, at p. 31.) The rules of evidence for Board hearings are set forth in Government Code section 11513. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.5.1.) The hearing need not be conducted according to technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. (Gov. Code, § 11513 (c).) The presiding officer has discretion to exclude evidence if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the probability that its admission will necessitate undue consumption of time. (Gov. Code, § 11513 (f).)

The Hearing Officers have repeatedly instructed the parties that duplicative motions or requests on issues already addressed are strongly discouraged. (See, e.g., February 11, 2016 Ruling, at p. 10; March 4, 2016 Ruling, at pp. 3 & 7; April 25, 2016 Ruling, at p. 4; and July 13, 2016 Ruling, at p. 2)

A. San Joaquin Parties' Notice is Unreasonable.

San Joaquin Parties' Notice is unreasonable because it is duplicative and requests information that is outside the scope of Mr. Leahigh's rebuttal testimony. The hearing officers may protect DWR from San Joaquin Parties' unreasonable demands. (Gov. Code § 11450.30, subd. (b).)

Hearing Chair Doduc denied San Joaquin Parties' request for this same information on May 9, 2017. In their Notice, San Joaquin Parties did not provide additional information justifying the Notice beyond what they provided on May 9, 2017. In the affidavit attached to their Notice, San Joaquin Parties indicate that they need the data in the "master spreadsheet" to analyze or critique decisions that DWR made about which data to include in the charts in DWR-10. However, Hearing Chair Doduc indicated that DWR provided the data that supported Mr. Leahigh's rebuttal testimony and that

other data that may be in the Excel file is not part of his rebuttal and not within the scope of San Joaquin Parties' cross-examination.

In their affidavit, San Joaquin Parties' Notice also indicated that verification of the data DWR submitted in rebuttal is proper sur-rebuttal. But this is not the purpose of sur-rebuttal. In their April 13, 2017 ruling, the Hearing Officers explained that sur-rebuttal testimony and exhibits would be permitted because of the amount of new information contained in the written rebuttal testimony and exhibits that were submitted. The time to seek to understand Mr. Leahigh's testimony was on cross examination, which has now passed.

Verifying the data that DWR submitted in rebuttal should have been done on cross-examination. Indeed, counsel for SJTA did just that, which was confirmed by Hearing Officer Doduc. San Joaquin Parties indicate they will instead use sur-rebuttal to verify the data in the Excel file to determine which operational data DWR has chosen to omit, and inquire how the omitted data might affect the value and conclusions to be drawn from DWR's rebuttal testimony and exhibits. From this offer of proof, it is clear that San Joaquin Parties seek not to understand DWR's rebuttal evidence, but instead to obfuscate and confuse issues and use the requested data to present their own version of how they believe DWR should have presented its rebuttal testimony and perhaps even its case-in-chief.

If San Joaquin Parties were truly interested in understanding Mr. Leahigh's rebuttal testimony, they would have used their cross examination time, re-cross, and the hearing process to inquire about DWR-10, DWR-78, DWR-851 to DWR-853, and the basis for Mr. Leahigh's opinions, instead of submitting duplicative requests for data that

was already produced or determined to be outside the scope of Mr. Leahigh's rebuttal testimony.

B. Production of the Excel File Will Result in Undue Consumption of Hearing Time.

San Joaquin Parties cite state and federal evidence laws that are not applicable in this proceeding, and according to the laws that do apply to this proceeding, the requested production would result in an undue consumption of hearing time. San Joaquin Parties' affidavit says that if a party is allowed to submit a summary of data, but the other parties are not able to see the data from which the summary was prepared, the other parties will be prejudiced because they cannot verify the accuracy of the summarized information, nor can they determine if any relevant data was omitted from the summary. San Joaquin Parties justify this statement by citing Federal Rule of Evidence 1006 and the Law Revision Commission Comments on California Evidence Code section 1521.

Federal Rule of Evidence 1006 and California Evidence Code section 1521 are not applicable in this proceeding. Instead, Government Code section 11513 provides the rules of evidence for this hearing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 648 & 648.5.1; October 30, 2015 Hearing Notice, at p. 31.) According to Government Code section 11513, the Hearing Officers can exclude evidence if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the probability that its admission will necessitate undue consumption of time. (Gov. Code, § 11513 (f).) SJTA and San Joaquin Parties already spent a significant amount of hearing time cross examining and re-crossing Mr. Leahigh on the data that was included in the charts in DWR-10. Allowing the parties to cross examine Mr. Leahigh on data that was not included in his rebuttal testimony, which was also already determined to be outside the scope of the hearing, would result in an undue consumption of hearing time.

III. CONCLUSION

San Joaquin Parties' Notice is unreasonable because it is duplicative and requests information that is outside the scope of Mr. Leahigh's rebuttal testimony. The Notice comes more than two months after San Joaquin Parties received Mr. Leahigh's rebuttal testimony, and the time to cross examine him on these issues has passed. The parties cross examined and re-crossed Mr. Leahigh on these issues, and further hearing time spent on these issues would be undue. Nor is the production of this data applicable to the sur-rebuttal phase of this proceeding. For these reasons, DWR requests that the Hearing Officers vacate San Joaquin Parties' Notice.

Dated: June 6, 2017

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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STATEMENT OF SERVICE

CALIFORNIA WATERFIX PETITION HEARING Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Petitioners)

I hereby certify that I have this day submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and caused a true and correct copy of the following document(s):

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to be served **by Electronic Mail** (email) upon the parties listed in Table 1 of the **Current Service List** for the California WaterFix Petition Hearing,dated May 31, 2017, posted by the State Water
Resources Control Board at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water issues/programs/bay delta/california waterfix/service_list.shtml:

Note: In the event that any emails to any parties on the Current Service List are undeliverable, you must attempt to effectuate service using another method of service, if necessary, and submit another statement of service that describes any changes to the date and method of service for those parties.

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I certify that the foregoing is true and correct and that this document was executed on June 6, 2017

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