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REVISED HEARING PROCEDURES FOR HEARINGS REGARDING FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL WATER USE REPORTS AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENTS

This letter is in response to the Prosecution Team's request to amend hearing procedures for hearings regarding failure to file annual water use reports, dated December 31, 2018.

Revised Exhibit Submittal Requirement

To expedite the exchange of information, reduce paper use, and lower the cost of participating in the hearing, the Hearing Officer amends the exhibit submittal requirement such that each party shall submit to the State Water Resource Control Board (State Water Board) **1 electronic copy** (no paper copies necessary) of each of its exhibits. Please note that this procedural change applies only to State Water Board submittal requirements and does not alleviate the requirement to serve paper copies on parties that choose not to accept electronic service.

All other submittal requirements shown in the Hearing Notices, dated December 20, 2018, will remain in effect.

Revised Oral Testimony Duration

The Prosecution Team's request to extend oral testimony duration from 10 minutes per party to up to 15 minutes per party is granted. The Prosecution Team's request to present generally applicable testimony once at the beginning of each hearing day is granted. The Prosecution Team's time spent presenting the generally applicable testimony will be evenly divided among the hearings that day and be subtracted from the Prosecution Team's 15 minutes oral testimony time limit for each of the hearings that day. The extended time limit of 15 minutes per party will apply to all parties participating in these hearings.

To avoid confusion on the applicability of any general testimony provided at the beginning of each hearing day, the Prosecution Team should clearly identify the parties to which each of its oral testimonies may apply (e.g., whether the oral testimony applies to all parties, all parties that allegedly failed to file Supplemental Statements, a specific party, etc.).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Joaquin Esquivel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

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