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In reply refer to: LBP2015-029

August 4, 2015

Peter Barnes  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
Water Quality Certification Program  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

August 3, 2015

Re: El Dorado Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Project No. 184 and Potential Water Transfer

Dear Mr. Barnes:

This responds to the letter addressed to El Dorado Irrigation District (“District”), dated July 31, 2015, from Barbara Evoy, with the above-referenced subject line. In connection with the District’s proposed water transfer to Westlands Water District, the District avers that it will meet all FERC license requirements, including those in the water quality certification. (See Initial Study/Negative Declaration 2015 El Dorado Irrigation District to Westlands Water District Temporary Transfer Project, p.3-12).

Additionally, the District is not transferring any water that was made available for storage as a result of the variances approved by the SWRCB on April 9 and May 4, 2015. The District has implemented only one of the approved variances—the variance in minimum streamflow requirements below Echo Lake. No Echo Lake water is involved in the proposed transfer. Nor does the District plan to implement any of the other approved variances between now and the end of the transfer. Thus, the District is not transferring any water that was made available for storage as a result of the variances.



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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to call me at 916-201-2376.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian D. Poulsen, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Brian D. Poulsen, Jr.  
Senior Deputy General Counsel

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cc: Thomas D. Cumpston, EID General Counsel  
Dan Corcoran, EID Environmental Manager  
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Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director, Division of Water Rights, State Water Resources Control Board  
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