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VIA electronic mail

Hearing Chair Tam Doduc
Hearing Officer Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Request for Official Notice: WWD statement on the California WaterFix

Dear Hearing Officer Doduc and Hearing Officer Marcus,

In the August 31, 2017 hearing ruling, the Hearing Officers took Official Notice of the Incidental Take Permit issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Biological Opinions issued by NOAA fisheries and the National Marine Fisheries Service, for the nature and scope of the documents, and for the purposes of the hearing ruling (p. 3.) The Hearing Officers also accepted court documents on Clifton Court LLP for Official Notice in Part 1.

I request that the Hearing Officers take Official Notice of the Westlands Water District's September 20, 2017 statement on the California WaterFix, for the purpose of ruling on procedural matters in the hearing. The statement is available at <http://wwd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/wwd-statement-on-ca-waterfix.pdf>, and is attached to this submission.

Title 23 Cal. Code Regs. § 648.2 states that "[t]he Board or presiding officer may take official notice of such facts as may be judicially noticed by the courts of this state." The document is an official statement by Westlands Water District on a formal vote of the Board of Directors, and is suitable for such notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Des Jardins", written in a cursive style.

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