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Subject: Request to Modify Temporary Urgency Change Petition

Dear Mr. Howard,

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) are requesting a modification to the Order Approving a Temporary Urgency Change in License and Permit Terms and Conditions Requiring Compliance with Delta Water Quality Objectives in Response to Drought Conditions (with Modifications Dated February 7, 2014) (Order). Condition 1(a) of the order currently expires on February 28, 2014. DWR and Reclamation request an extension of this expiration date to March 31, 2014. This request has been considered and supported by the Real Time Drought Operations Management Team established to recommend additional changes to the Order necessary to address risks presented by the ongoing and severe drought.

Condition 1(a) of the Order allows DWR and Reclamation to conserve additional water in upstream reservoirs for protection of aquatic species, water quality, and health and safety water deliveries by modifying Table 3 of D-1641 such that Delta Outflow may be no less than 3,000 cubic feet per second. Additionally, this Condition identifies higher pulse flows may be required through the Real Time Drought Operations Management Process.

Reclamation is seeking concurrence from National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that these actions are consistent with the federal Endangered Species Act. DWR will seek a corresponding Consistency Determination from California Department of Fish and Wildlife for compliance with the California Endangered Species Act.

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