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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Hearing Officer
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Re: West Side Irrigation District Draft Cease and Desist Order Hearing

Dear Ma'am:

Westlands provides this letter in accordance with Mr. Ernie Mona's email to the parties on Monday, October 19, 2015. That email asked that the parties: 1) provide any response to the Prosecution Team's Motion for Protective Order; and 2) identify and submit any conflicts that would prevent their participation in a hearing during February and March, 2016.

First, because Westlands is appearing for limited purposes in this proceeding, it does not have a formal position on the Protective Order or the sequence of discovery. However, Westlands respectfully recommends that the sequence of procedures you decide upon be fair to all parties involved, including providing every party a full opportunity to put forth their respective arguments, while at the same time providing for the most efficient use of time and resources. Westlands believes that only by doing so can all parties concerned, including the State Water Resources Control Board, be assured that the outcome will result in a durable solution.

Second, counsel for Westlands Water District will be available for all dates during the months of February and March of 2016, except for the following dates:

- February 19, 2016 due to a court hearing scheduled in the *California Water Curtailment Cases* in Santa Clara County Superior Court; and
- March 7 – 8, 2016 due to court hearings scheduled in the *Delta Stewardship Council Cases* in Sacramento County Superior Court.

As always, Westlands appreciates and thanks you and your staff for your service.

Yours Sincerely,

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cc: Service list of parties in WSID Draft CDO Hearing