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Subject: RE: April 4, 2022 TUCO - Condition 1.d.iii

EXTERNAL:

Greetings, Erin et al--

This email is provided in further response to condition 1.D.iii. of the April 4, 2022 Temporary Urgency Change Order (TUCO). Reclamation is exporting water for the following demands:

1. Wildlife Refuges: The operation of the CVP to deliver water to wetland habitat areas consistent with the statutory requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Section 3406(d) of Public Law 102-575.
2. Senior water rights: The operation of the CVP within the water right priority system as developed through exchange and settlement contracts.
3. Health and Safety: Meeting the needs of municipal and industrial water contractors consistent with paragraph 4 of the May 10, 2021 Governors Drought Proclamation.

CVP exports are used to support meeting these demands that are also met by previously stored water in San Luis Reservoir. Based on current projections, the breakdown of the current demand for CVP deliveries in both April and May is 63% of the water would go to the Exchange Contractors (approximately 68% or more of the total April and May demand for the Exchange Contractors is being met with water from Millerton Reservoir), 10% to other Senior Water Rights holders, 11% to municipal and industrial (M&I), and 16% to Refuges. Deliveries to meet these demands are consistent with federal and state law priorities and requirements. Exports for CVP water service or repayment contracts for irrigation are at zero. CVP contracts for M&I are primarily for human health and safety (HH&S). Reclamation's delivery information is posted online at www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo.

State Water Project (SWP) is currently exporting water through Clifton Court Forebay. These exports will be used to meet SWP Human Health and Safety (HH&S) deliveries to Byron Bethany Irrigation District (not an SWP Contractor), as well as deliveries to the SWP South Bay Public Water Agencies (PWAs), who rely on direct diversions from the Delta to meet their municipal and industrial demands. The estimated proportional split of the current SWP export for April is approximately 10-20% to South Bay Aqueduct contractors, 10-20% to Byron-Bethany Irrigation District, and up to 80% is being directly delivered to remaining south-of-Delta SWP contractors to meet their HH&S needs. (These percentages do not include California Aqueduct system storage needs and losses such as evaporation and gate leakage, so actual deliveries likely will be less. SWP operations information is posted online at <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Operations-and-Maintenance/Operations-and-Delta-Status>).

Reclamation and DWR will continue to work with Water Board staff on synthesizing available information.

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