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CCID PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

To: All CCID Landowners and Water Users

From: Chris White, General Manager 

Subject: Public Meeting – Friday, February 27, 2015 – Los Banos Fairgrounds

Date: February 18, 2015

All CCID landowners and water users are urged to attend a very important public meeting to be held on **Friday morning, February 27, 2015**, at the O'Banion Building at the Los Banos Fairgrounds. The meeting will start at **9:30 a.m.**

The Bureau has just issued its first official water supply forecast for the Exchange Contractors for 2015. We have attached a copy of their letter dated February 17, and have highlighted the caution that “. . . *(W)e may be unable to deliver the annual substitute water supply and/or maximum monthly entitlements specified in Article 8*” of the Exchange Contract. CCID staff and the Exchange Contractors are working closely with the Bureau's Central Valley Operations personnel to determine how much water can be delivered to us, in the event of continued dry hydrology.

At the meeting, we will present the latest information available on the water situation, and plan to give each of our water users a preliminary look at the current estimate of their individual supply for the year. We will also go over rules that may affect you in your farming operation this year.

If you have any questions, please call the CCID office at (209) 826-1421.



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Mr. Steve Chedester
San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority
P.O. Box 2115
Los Banos, CA 93635

Subject: Notification of Year 2015 Water Supply Conditions and Availability - Critical Year Water Supply - Second Amended Contract for Exchange of Waters - Contract No. Ilr-1144 (Contract) – Central Valley Project, California

Dear Mr. Chedester:

Steve

California is in its fourth consecutive year of below average precipitation and the Governor's State of Emergency proclamation, dated January 17, 2014, remains in effect. After consultation with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the National Weather Service, the Bureau of Reclamation has computed the forecasted full natural inflow into Shasta Lake for the current water year, October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015, to be 3.3 million acre-feet (AF). Pursuant to Article 7 of the Contract, this letter is notification of a Critical Year due to the total accumulated actual deficiencies of successive prior water years exceeding 800,000 AF and the forecasted full natural inflow into Shasta Lake being below 4.0 million AF.

Pursuant to Article 8 of the Contract, during critical calendar years Reclamation shall deliver an annual substitute water supply of not to exceed 650,000 AF in accordance with the maximum monthly entitlements. Reclamation is committed to meet the terms of the Exchange Contract, however, due to the uncertainties noted in Reclamation's and DWR's Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), dated January 15, 2015, we may be unable to deliver the annual substitute water supply and/or the maximum monthly entitlements specified in Article 8.

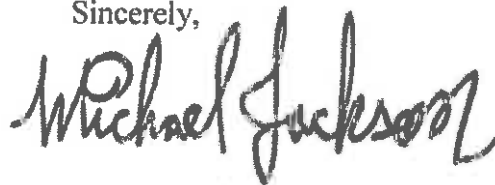
Although the DCP includes as a first objective to continue operation of the Delta pumping facilities, taking advantage of opportunities to export natural or abandoned flow while maintaining Delta water quality and providing adequate protections for listed fish, the actual operation including water deliveries is still uncertain at this time because of changing hydrology and our need to consult with the fishery agencies prior to finalizing operations and expected water deliveries.

Reclamation will continue to review the forecasted full natural inflow to Shasta Lake as frequently as conditions and information warrant, and we will immediately inform you of any significant changes in our forecasts of this "critical calendar year." We are committed to undertake all reasonable efforts to comply with our contractual obligations and look forward to

working with you to devise a mutually agreeable delivery schedule based upon these uncertain conditions and will also keep you informed as we pursue finalization of our operations.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Erma Leal at 559-487-5195, email eleal@usbr.gov or at 800-735-2929 for the hearing impaired.

Sincerely,



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