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Board Member Tam Doduc
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Re: Request for Temporary Sixty (60) Day Stay

Dear Hearing Officer Doduc:

The California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") and the Bureau of Reclamation, collectively known as Petitioners, respectfully request the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board") to temporarily place the petition for a change in point of diversion for the California WaterFix ("WaterFix CPOD") in abeyance and issue a temporary sixty (60) day stay on all proceedings for the WaterFix CPOD. This request is in light of Governor Gavin Newsom’s State of the State address on February 12, 2019, where he presented a conceptual proposal supporting a single tunnel configuration for WaterFix that builds on the permit and planning work that has already been completed. The Petitioners are submitting this request to allow DWR sufficient time to assess the effects on WaterFix and the nature and extent the effects
would have on existing and any new permit and planning work, and specifically how this may affect the WaterFix CPOD process. The requested sixty (60) day stay would be from the date the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board") executes the order for a stay. Petitioners will update the State Water Board and appellant service list regarding WaterFix's status at the end of the sixty (60) days, or earlier if information becomes available sooner.

Sincerely,

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