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February 10, 2016

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights Attn: Kathryn Gaffney P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: Water Right Application 5634X01 - Project Update

Dear Ms. Gaffney:

Pursuant to Water Code section 1275 and your acceptance letter of application number 5634X01, this letter is to update you on the Lead Agency's progress in preparing the appropriate environmental document. The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) will be the Lead Agency for this project.

- NID has continued working with HDR, our environmental consultant, developing the project description, project alternatives and drafting the notice of preparation. The NOP will be released for public review in February of 2016. Field surveys to begin in early Spring.
- NID initiated AB 52 consultation with United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) and met with UAIC representatives on January 19, 2016. NID will be meeting with UAIC representatives in March for another meeting and field visit.
- NID attended a pre-application meeting with the USACE on January 7, 2016. NID will be submitting a permit application with the USACE in March/April of 2016.
- The preliminary geotechnical and feasibility study is ongoing. Subsurface exploration work including seismic refraction surveys and exploratory borings have been completed. The geotechnical report and feasibility study is completed. Two dam axis and dam types are still being considered. Next phase of geotechnical work to be started in Spring 2016.
- As stated previously, NID has completed a Lidar/topographic survey of the area and has
 developed the unimpaired hydrology model for the Bear River and some various operational
 models. NID has had several meetings with South Sutter Water District representatives
 regarding the hydrology and modeling scenarios.
- The project website is now operational. The web address is www.centennialreservoir.org

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please to not hesitate to contact me at 530-271-6866 or email me at roderick@nidwater.com.

Sincerely,

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May 6, 2016

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights Attn: Kathryn Gaffney P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: Water Right Application 5634X01 - Project Update

Dear Mr. Brown:

Pursuant to Water Code section 1275 and your acceptance letter of application number 5634X01, this letter is to update you on the Lead Agency's progress in preparing the appropriate environmental document. The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) will be the Lead Agency for this project.

- The Notice of Preparation comment period has ended. The comment period was from February 16, 2016 to April 18, 2016. There were two evening scoping meetings for the public to attend.
- NID has continued working with HDR, our environmental consultant, developing the project description and project alternatives.
- Biological/archeological surveys will begin this month.
- NID initiated AB 52 consultation with United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) and met with UAIC representatives on January 19, 2016. NID and UAIC representatives conducted a field visit on April 28, 2016.
- NID attended a pre-application meeting with the USACE on January 7, 2016. NID has submitted the 404 permit application package to the USACE.
- The preliminary geotechnical and feasibility study is ongoing. Phase II investigation is completed and Phase III will begin in May. Subsurface exploration work including seismic refraction surveys and exploratory borings. Two dam axis and dam types are still being considered.
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 developed the unimpaired hydrology model for the Bear River and some various operational
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July 26, 2016

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights Attn: Kathryn Gaffney P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

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- The Notice of Preparation comment has ended. The comment period was from February 16, 2016 to April 18, 2016. There were two evening scoping meetings for the public to attend.
- NID has continued working with HDR, our environmental consultant, developing the project description, project alternatives.
- Biological/archeological surveys have been ongoing for the past two months. A UAIC member is one of the field crews conducting the surveys.
- NID is still anticipating having the draft EIR out for public review in early 2017.
- AB 52 consultation with United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) is ongoing. NID and UAIC representatives conducted another meeting on June 1, 2016.
- NID is continuing to work with USACE. The application for a 404 individual permit has
 been submitted and accepted. USACE approved the third party contractor list submitted
 by NID. NID is currently reviewing RFPs from the approved third party contractor to
 complete the EIS. NID expects to submit preferred consultant scope to USACE by first
 week of August. Once contract with USACE is signed, development of NOI will begin.

- The preliminary geotechnical and feasibility study is ongoing. Phase III investigation is wrapping up field work/drilling. Subsurface exploration work including seismic refraction surveys and exploratory borings were conducted in two potential borrow areas and at Axis 2.
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October 20, 2016

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights Attn: Kathryn Gaffney P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

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 UAIC member is one of the field crews conducting the surveys.
- NID is still anticipating having the draft EIR out for public review in 2017.
- AB 52 consultation with United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) is ongoing. NID and UAIC representatives conducted another meeting on June 1, 2016. Another meeting is being scheduled for late October or November to discuss findings of field surveys.
- NID is continuing to work with USACE. The application for a 404 individual permit has been submitted and accepted. USACE approved the third party contractor list submitted by NID. USACE has accepted NID's third party

contractor, ESA, to complete the EIS. NID and USACE are finalizing scope for third party contractor. Contracts expected to be signed in November of this year.

- The preliminary geotechnical and feasibility study is ongoing. Phase III investigation for field work/drilling is complete, except for one drill location near the river channel. NID is obtaining various permits for this drilling. Waiting for final 401 approval. Work expected to start Oct 27th of this year. Conceptual design and cost estimations for the dam are ongoing.
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