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Subject: El Dorado Water & Power Authority (EDWPA) Comments

Dear Mr. Nelson:

This letter summarizes EDWPA comments to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project (DEIS). Comments relate to EDWPA's pending filed petitions with the SWRCB for partial assignment of State Filed Applications 5644 and 5645, and accompanying applications allowing for the total withdrawal and use of 40,000 acre-feet per year from the American River watershed, as is commonly referred to as the "EDWPA Water Reliability Project" (formally the Supplemental Water Rights Project).

Comment. Section 3.5 *Assumptions for Cumulative Effects Analysis* of the DEIS correctly includes the El Dorado Water & Power Authority's Water Reliability Project (*Section 3.5.1.6 El Dorado Water and Power Authority Supplemental Water Rights Project*) as a reasonably foreseeable future action included in the cumulative effects analysis. The allocation of 40,000 AFA should be included in the No Action Alternative and assumed under all other alternatives in the DEIS. The EDWPA Water Reliability Project with the full diversion of 40,000 AFA needs to be clearly identified and incorporated into Reclamation's ROD, regardless of which alternative or combination of alternatives Reclamation selects.

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Thank you for your consideration. EDWPA is prepared to provide additional information as necessary to further support our comments. Please contact me directly at ken.payne@edcgov.us or (916) 425-0734.

Sincerely,



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