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# KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY



June 13, 2016

Ms. Karen Dulik  
Department of Water Resources  
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Subject: Draft Revised Environmental Impact Report, Monterey Amendment to the State Water Project Contracts (Including Kern Water Bank Transfer) and Associated Actions as Part of a Settlement Agreement (Monterey Plus)

Dear Ms. Dulik:

The Kern Water Bank Authority (KWBA) and its member entities sincerely appreciate the significant effort the California Department of Water Resources made in preparing the Draft Revised Environmental Impact Report, Monterey Amendment to the State Water Project Contracts (Including Kern Water Bank Transfer) and Associated Actions as Part of a Settlement Agreement (Monterey Plus) (DREIR). The KWBA is the responsible public agency implementing the Kern Water Bank Project, which stores surplus water supplies that are available in wet years for later use during dry years. The project serves the water needs of prime agricultural lands in the southern San Joaquin Valley and residents of the greater Bakersfield area. The benefits of the Kern Water Bank Project are many fold, including those provided to the state's economy and job market, increased water security for municipal users, and the conservation of nearly 20,000 acres of wildlife habitat, which includes several endangered species, in the Southern San Joaquin Valley.

The KWBA is committed to operating the Project in a responsible manner, as demonstrated by the comprehensive mitigation measures provided in the DREIR and incorporated into the KWBA's Board Resolution 16-02. We believe these measures will ensure that any potential impacts from the Kern Water Bank Project are mitigated consistent with the requirements of CEQA and that the Project's benefits are fully realized.

Once again, we express our sincere appreciation to the Department of Water Resources for their significant and comprehensive efforts in preparing the DREIR. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Kern Water Bank Authority,



Jonathan Parker  
General Manager

cc: KWBA Board of Directors

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Dear Ms. Dulik,

Please find attached a letter regarding the subject document.

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