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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 do not hesitate to contact me at 530-271-6866 or email me at roderick@nidwater.com.

Sincerely,

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