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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
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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.
- 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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