

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Via Electronic Mail Hardcopy to Follow via U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail and Return Receipt

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

Re: Water Right Application 5634X01 - Project Update

Dear Mr. Frazier:

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.

- Chapters of the Administrative Draft of the EIR are being developed by NID staff and its consultants.
- Anticipated Draft EIR expected for public review has been pushed out to fall of 2018 as NID continues to conduct studies and analysis to develop the document and address comments already received.
- Work for NEPA document has slowed as a result of the change in the Draft EIR release date as many of the documents developed for the Draft EIR will be used by the thirdparty consultant to help inform the Draft EIS.
- Biological/archeological surveys are been ongoing. Evaluations of the archeological surveys are currently being performed. A United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) member is overseeing and participating in the surveys.
- AB 52 consultation with UAIC is ongoing. NID has also initiated consultation with Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe and Nevada City Rancheria Tribal Council. Held meeting with Colfax-Todds Valley on November 28, 2017 and plan on meeting again in early 2018 to discuss results of field surveys. NID is attempting to schedule a meeting with Nevada City Rancheria.

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- The preliminary geotechnical and feasibility study is completed. Phase III report, conceptual engineering design and opinion of probable construction cost estimations have been completed and presented to the NID Board of Directors. Copies of these documents are available to the SWRCB upon request.
- Staff and consultants have met with DSOD staff to review and discuss results of Phase III investigation.
- NID has now provided answers to all protests that were received during noticing of its water rights application.
- Numerous discussions were conducted with South Sutter Water District (SSWD)
 concerning its protest. NID and SSWD have temporarily suspended further discussions
 given the postponement of the Draft EIR. It is expected that NID will revisit and
 schedule further discussions with all protestants once the Draft EIR is made public.
- The project website 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,

Doug Roderick, P.E.

Senior Engineer

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