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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attn: David Strunk
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Re: Water Right Application 5634X01 – Project Update

Dear Mr. Strunk:

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 reallocated resources to update the Raw Water Master Plan (RWMP) in an effort to support future projects. As previously discussed with you, the anticipated release of the DEIR has been pushed out.
- Consultants continue to conduct studies and analysis to develop the DEIR 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 third-party consultant to help inform the Draft EIS.
- Biological/archeological surveys completed for additional minor areas. Draft reports for those additional areas were completed and are being reviewed by NID.
- AB 52 consultation is ongoing. NID has initiated consultation with United Auburn Indian Community, Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe and Nevada City Rancheria Tribal Council. Met with Colfax-Todds Valley to discuss results of the cultural resources report and to provide that data to them for their review. Next meeting will be scheduled once Colfax-Todds Valley has had time to review the data.
- NID has now provided answers to all protests that were received during noticing of its water rights application.
- NID and SSWD have temporarily suspended further discussions until the release of the DEIR. It is expected that NID will revisit and schedule further discussions with all protestants once the DEIR is made public.
- A couple of additional documents have been added to the website. 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,

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