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December 20, 2019

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. The only significant change since the last update relates to AB 52 consultation.

- NID has reallocated resources to update the Raw Water Master Plan (RWMP) to support future projects. As previously discussed with Mr. Strunk, the anticipated release date of the DEIR has been extended out.
- Consultants continue to conduct alternatives analyses for the DEIR and address comments already received.
- NID has reviewed Biological-archeological surveys completed for additional minor areas. No new surveys are scheduled at this time.
- AB 52 consultation is ongoing. There have been no new meetings with United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) since the last quarterly update. Still waiting for Colfax-Todds Valley to review the cultural resources report before another meeting is set up to discuss the results of the report. The non-disclosure agreement with Nevada City Rancheria Tribal Council has been signed. Will schedule a meeting in early 2020 to discuss and release cultural resources report for their review.
- 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.
- An additional document has been added to the website. The project website address is www.centennialreservoir.org or nidwater.com

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If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please to not hesitate to contact me at 530-271-6866 or email me at roderick@nidwater.com.

Sincerely,

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