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Re: Notice of Dispute/Intent to Commence Legal Action: Approval and Implementation of the Mendota Pool Group 20-Year Exchange Program (Project), Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SCH # 2013041028), as Currently Proposed, Would Result in Breach of James Irrigation District's CVP Water Service and Settlement Contracts with Reclamation

Dear Ms. Leal:

This notice is provided pursuant to Article 33 of Contract No. 14-06-200-700-A-LTR1, titled "Long-Term Renewal Between the United States and James Irrigation District Providing for Project Water Service from Delta Division" dated February 25, 2005, and Article 27(a) of Contract No. 14-06-200-700-A, titled "Contract between the United States of America and the James Irrigation District Providing for Water Service and for Adjustment and Settlement of Certain Claimed Water Rights."

A. Introduction

As you know, the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR or Reclamation) and Westlands Water District (WWD), NEPA and CEQA lead agency respectively, have made available for public review and comment the Mendota Pool Group (MPG) 20-Year Exchange Program (MGP Project or Project) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/EIR). If approved, the MPG Project would reallocate James Irrigation District's (James or District) Central Valley Project (CVP) contract supplies to WWD and force James to take MPG's poor quality groundwater. More specifically, the MPG Project would utilize approximately 65 MPG groundwater wells to annually discharge of up to 26,316 acre-feet (AF) of highly saline groundwater into the Mendota Pool (Pool) in exchange for 25,000 AF of Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) water, which would be redirected to MPG's agricultural lands in WWD, in addition to discharge of 12,000 AF for Adjacent Overlying Use on MPG farm lands. Over the 20-year period, groundwater pumping for exchange would be up to 421,053 AF. In contrast to the CVP supplies James is entitled to be furnished by contract with Reclamation, MPG Project groundwater would contain salts, boron, and other constituents of concern that make the water not suitable for irrigation. According to the DEIS/EIR, concentrations of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in the groundwater subbasin range from 200 mg/L to 13,000 mg/L, with concentrations generally higher in the southern portion of

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the subbasin where the Primary Study Area described in the EIS/EIR is located. (DEIS/EIR, p. 134.) The DEIS/EIR admits that groundwater discharged by the Project upstream of James's point of diversion will equal or exceed 1,600 mg/L, far in excess of Reclamation's standards for the Mendota Pool and Fresno Slough. (DEIS/EIR, p. 275.) As the following tables from the DEIR/EIS illustrate, such high concentrations of salt, in addition to high concentrations of boron, discharged from MPG wells result in water quality exceedances at downstream locations including James's point of diversion.

Table 17: 2014 Summary of Surface Water Grab Sample Data - Salinity 1

	Sample Location ²		EC @ 25°C µmhos/cm			TDS (mg/L)		Exceedance of TDS Annual Average
		Max	Med	#	Max	Med	#	Value (450 mg/L)
	Columbia Canal	810	79	8	518	51	8	No
00	2. Mendota Dam	1,110	471	10	710	301	10	No
Δ.	3. CCID Main Canal	1,110	456	10	710	292	10	No
Mendota	4. DMC	1,130	752	14	723	481	14	Yes
<u>p</u>	CCID Outside Canal	1,140	691	1	730	442	1	No
ĕ	6. Firebaugh Intake Canal	1,390	742	10	890	475	10	Yes
	7. West of Fordel	695	530	2	445	339	2	No
h	8. Etchegoinberry ³	590	590	1	378	378	1	No
Slough	9. MWA	1,470	1,420	8	941	909	8	Yes
	James Irrigation District Booster Plant	1,560	1,550	8	998	992	8	Yes
Fresno	Tranquillity Irrigation District Intake	1,380	1,235	2	883	790	2	Yes

Notes: Max = maximum recorded, Med = median of recorded samples, # = number of samples

Table 20: Annual Salinity Values at the MWA, Sample Location 9 (2007-2014)

Year	Measured Average EC (μmhos/cm)	TDS Conversion (mg/L) ¹	Exceedance of TDS Annual Average (450 mg/L) ³
2007	773	495	Yes
2008	914	585	Yes
2009	893	571	Yes
2010	541	346	No
2011 ²		-	
2012	665	425	No
2013	827	529	Yes
2014	1,420	909	Yes
Average	862	551	

Conversions from EC to TDS are estimates and may vary by 10 mg/L.

Source: 2014 Annual Report, LSCE & KDSA 2015.

¹ The Surface Water Mixing Models are based on sampling information from the 1990–2012 Annual Reports. Where relevant to the discussion, information from the 2010–2016 Annual Report is also used in the analysis of impacts to surface water quality. The 2014 Annual Report was the most recent available during the preparation of the Draft EIS/EIR.

See Figure 36 for Sample Locations

³ Etchegoinberry was not sampled in the 2014 Annual Report. Therefore, data for the Etchegoinberry sampling location is from the 2013 Annual Report. Source: Appendix D of the 2014 Annual Report (LSCE & KDSA 2015).

² MPG pumping for exchange did not occur during these years and no measurements were taken. Missing data for 2011 is therefore excluded from calculations of total annual average.

Reclamation contractual Water Quality Standards for the Mendota Pool and Fresno Slough. An annual average TDS threshold of 450 mg/L is used when assessing multiple historic years.

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Table 21: 2014 Summary of Surface Water Sample Data - Trace Elements

	Arsenic (μg/L)					Bor	on (Į	ıg/L)	Molybdenum (μg/L)				Selenium (µg/L)				
	Sample Location ¹	Max	Med	#	Exceeds WQO? (10 µg/L) ²	Max	Med	#	Exceeds WQO? (800 µg/L) ²	Max	Med	#	Exceeds WQO? (19 µg/L) ²	Max	Med	#	Exceeds WQO? (2.0 µg/L) ²
	Columbia Canal	4	3	2	No	290	50	8	No	3	2	2	No	<0.1	<1	8	No
00	Mendota Dam	3	<2.5	2	No	540	200	10	No	3	2	2	No	1.5	<1	10	No
_	CCID Main Canal	4	3.5	2	No	560	200	9	No	3	2	2	No	1.5	<1	10	No
ota	DMC	3	3	3	No	600	350	14	No	4	3.5	2	No	2.1^{3}	<1	10	No
Mendota	CCID Outside Canal	3	2.5	2	No	590	300	11	No	3	2.5	2	No	1.6	<1	10	No
ž	Firebaugh Intake Canal	3	2.5	2	No	590	330	10	No	4	3	2	No	1.5	<1	10	No
	West of Fordel	3	3	2	No	300	250	2	No	4	3	2	No	<0.4	<0.4	2	No
4	Etchegoinberry ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slough	MWA ⁵	3	3	3	No	600	500	8	Yes ⁵	6	5.5	2	No	0.5	0.45	2	No
	James Irrigation District Booster Plant	8	5	3	No	1150	500	5	Yes	12	9.5	2	No	0.5	0.45	2	No
Fresno	Tranquillity Irrigation District Intake	9	6.5	2	No	1200	850	2	Yes	21	16.5	2	Yes	0.4	0.23	2	No

Notes: Max = maximum recorded, Med = median of recorded samples, # = number of samples, WQO = Water Quality Objective

Source: Appendix D of the 2014 Annual Report (LSCE & KDSA 2015).

As demonstrated by the above tables and as further explained in James's comments on the DEIS/EIR, which are incorporated herein by this reference, the MPG Project is likely to have significant water quality and associated adverse impacts on James, its landowners and water users, and environmental resources within the district including crops, prime farmlands, soils, and groundwater. Indeed because of James's southerly location relative to the Pool and Fresno Slough, James will be most impacted and bear the brunt of the Project's environmental damage which will include damage to soils and crops within James's boundaries.

In addition to causing significant environmental impacts on James, the Project would also amount to a breach of Reclamation's long-term contractual obligations owed to James, including the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, and may amount to an unconstitutional taking and revival of James's rights to divert and use San Joaquin River water. As Reclamation is aware, JID has two contracts (a "Settlement Contract" and a "Water Supply contract" with USBR for receipt of Central Valley Project (CVP) supplies delivered through the DMC and south through the Mendota Pool/Fresno Slough to JID's point of diversion at the "James Booster Plant" or "P-Booster Station" intake structure. JID's point of diversion is from a channel commonly referred to as the Fresno Slough or James Bypass, at the southernmost extent of the Mendota Pool. MPG Project discharges into the Pool flow south by Project design to where JID takes delivery of surface water. The Project effectively forces JID to take, against its will, a non-equivalent replacement supply of water that is far inferior in quality to the DMC water JID would otherwise be entitled receive by contract.

See Figure 36 for Sample Locations.

Criteria used in the Annual Reports.

The target level is 2 μg/L. This data represents grab samples which are taken periodically throughout the year, but monitoring for selenium is not measured daily or in real time. Therefore, the exact number of days that selenium concentrations exceeded the target level is unknown, but it did occur in at least one of the grab samples. However, the average of all grab samples taken throughout the year shows an average concentration of less than 1.0 μg/L. Reclamation requires that no wells with selenium concentrations above 2 μg/L be allowed to introduce water for exchange under previous, current, or future exchanges.

allowed to introduce water for exchange under previous, current, or future exchanges.

4 Etchegoinberry was not sampled for the 2014 Annual Report. Therefore, data for the Etchegoinberry sampling location is from the 2013 Annual Report.

 $^{^{5}\,}$ WQO for boron in the MWA is set by the CDFW at 0.3 mg/L (300 $\mu g/L)$.

¹ Contract No. 14-06-200-700-A (enclosed).

² Contract No. 14-06-200-700-A-LTR1 (enclosed).

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B. Relevant Contract Requirements and Duties of Reclamation

1. James's Settlement Contract

Fundamentally, the Settlement Contract requires USBR to furnish James, in addition to supplemental water, "Schedule 2 water" defined as "**Project water** delivered without charge ... as a permanent adjustment and settlement of the District's asserted claims of rights to water in Fresno Slough tributary to the San Joaquin River." (Settlement Contract, Art. 1(c) (emphasis added).) "**Project**" is in turn defined to mean the "**Central Valley Project**...." (*Id.*, Art. 1(b) (emphasis added).)

The Settlement Contract further provides that "[n]either the District nor any landowner therein shall divert, dispose of, or otherwise use San Joaquin [River] water under claim of water rights," <u>but only "so long as the United States delivers or is ready, able, and willing to deliver to the District Schedule 2 water in accordance with the term of this contract."</u> (*Id.*, Art. 12 (emphasis added).)

Regarding water quality, the Settlement Contract provides as follows: "<u>The quality of water furnished under this contract shall be **the best that the United States**, following its established operating procedures, **can deliver** by means of the **Delta-Mendota Canal** and <u>shall be at all times **suitable irrigation water**</u> for use upon the lands served by the District." (Art., Art. 10(a) (emphasis added).) That same article of the contract includes water quality criteria that would be exceeded with implementation of the proposed Project.</u>

2. James's Water Service Contract

Similar to the Settlement Contract, the District's Water Service Contract provides that USBR shall make available for delivery to the District "**Project Water**." (Water Service Contract, Art. 3(a); see also 5(a)&(b) (emphasis added).) "**Project Water**" is defined to mean "all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or delivered by the Secretary in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project...." (*Id.*, Art. 1(u) (emphasis added).) "**Project**" is defined as the "**Central Valley Project**...." (*Id.*, Art. 1(s) (emphasis added).)

Regarding water quality, Article 16 of the Water Supply Contract provides as follows:

"(b) The O&M of Project facilities shall be performed in such manner as it practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through such facilities at the highest level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting Officer." (Water Service Contract, Art. 16(b) (emphasis added).

Additionally, the Water Supply Contract requires that Reclamation shall "communicate, coordinate, and cooperate" with James regarding operations and management, including with respect to "any action which will or may materially affect the ...quality of Project Water supply [and] the allocation of Project Water supply, and such communication, coordinate, and cooperation "shall extend to all provisions of this Contract." (Water Service Contract, Art. 19(a) (emphasis added).)

Based on the plain meaning of foregoing provisions of James's Settlement Contract and Water Service Contract, USBR is required to furnish James CVP water originating from the Delta Division of the CVP and

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delivered through the Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC). However, if the MPG Project is approved and implemented, as currently proposed, James will instead receive non-CVP Project water – groundwater – from non-CVP Project facilities – MPG wells, and Reclamation would not be "ready, able or willing" to deliver "Schedule 2 water" to James. Moreover, in terms of quality, the substituted groundwater is clearly not the "best" or "highest level reasonably attainable" that Reclamation can deliver to James. As provided in the DEIS/EIR and James's comments thereon, the replacement groundwater furnished to James would not be suitable for irrigation of crops in James, or otherwise satisfy applicable water quality standards and other requirements. In this regard, while Reclamation seems to have taken great pains to coordinate and cooperate with the Exchange Contractors and others by including in the MPG Project constraints specifically designed to avoid impacts to those parties and their constituents, the DEIS/EIR fails to include project constraints designed to avoid or minimize water quality or other foreseeable and potentially significant environmental impacts to James and its landowners.

Therefore, for the above reasons and possibly others, approval of the MPG Project as proposed would constitute or lead to a breach of James's Settlement Contract and Water Service Contract by Reclamation. Breach of a water supply contract by Reclamation in these circumstances is actionable (i.e., the sovereign acts defense would not absolve USBR of liability), and such action may include a cause of action for inverse condemnation or unlawful taking and seek damages and/or equitable remedies. (See, e.g., *Stockton East Water District v. United States*, 583 F.3d 1344 (2009); see also 28 U.S.C. §1331; see also 43 U.S.C. §390uu; see also 5 U.S.C. §\$701, et seq.; see also *Westlands Water Dist. v. Firebaugh Canal*, 10 F.3d 667 (1993) [waiver of sovereign immunity and equitable relief against Bureau of Reclamation]; see also *Sumner Peck Ranch, Inc. v. Bureau of Reclamation*, 823 F.Supp.715, 748 (1993) [holding that Section 390uu waives sovereign immunity from contract claims for injunctive relief and specific performance regarding contracts that concern Reclamation Law].)

C. Conclusion

In summary, James and Reclamation have binding long-term contracts for specified CVP waters that Reclamation is obligated to furnish to James through CVP facilities. However, for the reasons summarized above, among others, James believes that a discretionary decision by Reclamation to approve and implement the MPG Project would constitute or lead to an inevitable breach of its Settlement Contract and Water Service Contract, because the MPG Project would redirect to WWD supplies Reclamation is required to furnish to James without James's consent in exchange for undesirable groundwater of quality that is not suitable for irrigation. Approval and implementation of the MPG Project would also be contrary to the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and Reclamation's express covenant to operate the CVP, in coordination and cooperation with James, in a manner that does not materially affect the quality of water Reclamation is contractually obligated to furnish to James. Some of James's contract supplies were guaranteed as a condition of James not asserting claims of right to San Joaquin River water. Thus, substitution of groundwater for CVP Project water due James may also constitute an unconstitutional taking of James's water and water rights, and/or allow James's to revive and reassert claims of rights to San Joaquin River water pursuant to Article 12 of the Settlement Contracts.

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Pursuant to Articles 33 and 27(a) of James's Water Service Contract and Settlement Contract, respectively, James hereby provides Reclamation with notice of its intent to commence legal action in the event the MPG Project is approved, as presently configured, and respectfully requests a meeting to confer and attempt to resolve the above dispute.

Sincerely,

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CONTRACT, NO.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Central Valley Project, California

14-06-200-700-A

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR WATER SERVICE AND FOR ADJUSTMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMED WATER RIGHTS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Central Valley Project, California
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR WATER SERVICE AND FOR ADJUSTMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMED WATER RIGHTS
THIS CONTRACT, made this 22d day of Accombes
19_3 in pursuance generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat.
388), and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, all
collectively hereinafter referred to as the Federal reclamation laws,
between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the
United States, and the JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT, hereinafter referred
to as the District, a political subdivision of the State of California,
duly organized, existing, and acting pursuant to the laws thereof,
with its principal place of business in San Joaquin, California,
WITNESSETH, That:
EXPLANATORY RECITALS
WHEREAS, the United States is constructing and operating the
Central Valley Project, California, for the purpose, among others, of
furnishing water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other

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beneficial uses; and

WHEREAS, the United States has constructed the Delta-Mendota Canal which will be operated and used, in part, for the furnishing of water to the District pursuant to the terms of this contract; and

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WHEREAS, investigations of the District lands and present water supply indicate that irrigated and irrigable lands within the boundaries of the District are at present in need of additional water for irrigation, and that an additional water supply to meet these present and potential needs can be made available by and through the works constructed and to be constructed by the United States; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to contract, pursuant to the Federal reclamation laws and the laws of the State of California, for the furnishing by the United States of a supplemental water supply from the Central Valley Project for which the District will make payment to the United States upon the basis, at the rates, and pursuant to the conditions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the District on behalf of individuals owning lands lying within the District adjacent to Fresno Slough has asserted claims that the construction and operation of the Central Valley Project has interfered with claimed rights in and to the use of the waters of the San Joaquin River by impairing the quantity thereof, and the District is authorized and willing to accept an annual delivery of nine thousand seven hundred (9,700) acre-feet of water from Mendota Pool as an adjustment and settlement of these asserted claims; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of conservation of water by avoid-
ing high conveyance losses incurred in using its Kings River water the
District has entered into an agreement entitled "James-Kings River
Water and Storage Agreement", whereby certain other Kings River water
users will be entitled to utilize the yield of the District's right
to Kings River water concurrently with the term of this contract; and
WHEREAS, the District desires, in these circumstances, to
purchase a firm supply of Central Valley Project water; and
WHEREAS, investigations of the streamflow in the Sacramento
River, the Trinity River, the American River, and the San Joaquin
River and their tributaries indicate that there will be available for
furnishing to the District from the Delta-Mendota Canal, a feature of
the Central Valley Project, an additional water supply for surface
diversion and direct application for irrigation; and
WHEREAS, the United States is willing to furnish water service
to the District from Mendota Pool, subject to the terms and conditions
following;
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent
covenants herein contained, it is mutually agreed as follows:
DEFINITIONS
1. When used herein, unless otherwise distinctly expressed or
manifestly incompatible with the intent hereof, the term:

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"Secretary" or "Contracting Officer" shall mean the 2 Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior or his duly authorized representative; (b) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project, California, of the Bureau of Reclamation: (c) "Schedule 2 water" shall mean all Project water delivered without charge under the authority of Section 14 of 8 the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187, 1197) as a 9 permanent adjustment and settlement of the District's asserted 10 claims of rights to water in Fresno Slough tributary to the San 11 Joaquin River: 12

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- (d) "supplemental water" shall mean all Project water in addition to Schedule 2 water delivered or required to be delivered under the terms and conditions of this contract;
 - (e) "year" shall mean the calendar year;
- (f) "agricultural use" shall mean use of water primarily in the commercial production of agricultural crops or livestock including domestic use incidental thereto on tracts of land operated in units of more than two (2) acres; and
- (g) "municipal, industrial, and domestic use" shall mean use of water other than for agricultural use.

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This contract shall be effective on the date first hereinabove written and insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of supplemental water shall remain in effect for a period of forty (40) years; Provided, That under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the parties hereto, renewals of this contract for furnishing of supplemental water may be made for successive periods not to exceed forty (40) years each. The terms and conditions of each renswal shall be agreed upon not later than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the then existing contract: Provided further, That upon written request by the District of the Secretary not later than one (1) year prior to expiration of this contract, whenever, account being taken of the amount then credited to the costs of construction of water supply works allocated to irrigation, the remaining amount of costs so allocated which is properly assignable for ultimate return by the District as established by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to (3) of Section 1 of Public Law 643 (70 Stat. 483) probably can be repaid to the United States within the term of a contract under subsection (d), Section 9 of the 1939 Reclamation Project Act (53 Stat. 1187), this contract insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of supplemental water for agricultural use may be converted to a contract under said subsection (d) upon terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the United States and the District.

WATER TO BE FURNISHED TO THE DISTRICT

3. (a) Each year, commencing with the year following that in which this contract is executed, the United States shall furnish to the District nine thousand seven hundred (9,700) acre-feet of Schedule 2 water at times and in quantities called for as provided in subdivision (a) of Article 4 hereof under the following basic table:

7	Month	Quantities in Acre-feet
8	January	0
9	February	. 600
10	March	800
11	April	1,300
12	May	1,900
	June	2,500
14	July	2,000
15	August	400
16	September	200
17	October	0
18	November	0
19	December	0;

Provided, That in any year when (1) the forecasted full natural inflow to Shasta Lake for the current water year (October 1 of the preceding year through September 30 of the current year), as such forecast is

made by the United States, on or before February 15, and reviewed as frequently thereafter as conditions and information warrant, is equal to or less than three million two hundred thousand (3,200,000) acre-feet, or (2) the total accumulated actual deficiencies below four million (4,000,000) acre-feet in the immediately prior water year or series of successive prior water years, each of which had inflows of less than four million (4,000,000) acre-feet, together with the forecasted deficiency for the current water year, exceed eight hundred thousand (800,000) acre-feet, the United States shall furnish to the District seven thousand six hundred (7,600) acre-feet of Schedule 2 water at times and in quantities called for as provided in subdivision (a) of Article 4 hereof under the following basic table:

ે 3	Month	Quantities	(Acre-feet)
14	January	0	
15	February	600	
16	March	800	
17	April	1,000	
18	May	1,500	
19	June	1,900	
50	July	1,400	
21	August	300	
22	September	100	
23 .	October	0	
24	November	0	,
25	December	0	

For the purpose of determining (1) and (2) set out above, the computed inflow to Shasta Lake under present upstream development above Shasta Lake shall be used as the full natural inflow to Shasta Lake. In the event that major construction occurs above Shasta Lake after the date of this contract which materially alters the present regimen of the stream systems contributing to Shasta Lake, the computed inflow to Shasta Lake will be adjusted to eliminate the effect of such material alterations. The United States will select the forecast to be used and will submit the details of the forecast to the District. The same forecasts used by the United States for the operation of the Project shall be used to make the forecasts hereunder. Schedule 2 water made available by the United States for furnishing to the District in accordance with the aforesaid schedule and not accepted by the District shall be deemed to have been accepted by the District at the time and in the quantities specified in said schedule.

(b) Commencing with the year following that in which this contract is executed and each year thereafter during the remainder of the term of this contract, the United States shall furnish to the District and the District shall accept and pay for thirty-five thousand three hundred (35,300) acre-feet of supplemental water from Mendota Pool at the times and in the quantities specified in the schedule submitted by the District in accordance with subdivision (a) of

Article 4 hereof: Provided, That the parties hereto may at any time or times by mutual agreement increase or decrease the quantity of supplemental water required thereafter to be furnished each year to the District by the United States during the remaining years of the term of this contract.

- (c) To the extent that additional Project water is available, as determined by the Contracting Officer, and in the event the District in any year requires a quantity of supplemental water in addition to the quantity it is obligated to accept and pay for, such additional water shall be furnished by the United States in accordance with a schedule revision submitted pursuant to Article 4. The furnishing by the United States and acceptance by the District of such additional quantities of water shall neither entitle nor obligate the District to receive such quantities in subsequent years.
- (d) If in any year, after the Contracting Officer has approved a schedule or any revision thereof submitted by the District pursuant to Article 4 hereof, the United States is unable to furnish any portion of supplemental water in the quantities and at the times requested in the schedule and the District does not elect to receive and does not receive such water at other times during such year, the District shall be entitled to an adjustment as provided in Article 6.

TIME FOR DELIVERY OF WATER

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(a) Before January 1 of each year the District shall submit a schedule in writing to the Contracting Officer subject to the provisions of Article 3 bereof and satisfactory to the Contracting Officer. indicating the desired times and quantities for the delivery of all water pursuant to this contract during such year. In such schedule or revision thereof, the District may reallocate the quantities of Schedule 2 water for the months of February through June appearing in the applicable table in subdivision (a) of Article 3 hereof so long as the total for such months does not thereby exceed the total for such months in that table. Within the provisions hereof the United States shall attempt to deliver such water in accordance with said schedule or any revision thereof satisfactory to the Contracting Officer submitted by the District Within a reasonable time before the desired change of times or quantities, or both, for delivery, subject to the provisions of subdivision (b) of Article 8 hereof: Provided, That the United States shall not be obligated to deliver water to the District during the months of December and January.

(b) With the written consent of the Contracting Officer the District may exchange supplemental water in any year with any other district which has contracted with the United States for water for irrigation from the Delta-Mendota Canal or Mendota Pool, or both,

of the Central Valley Project. No supplemental water shall be sold or otherwise disposed of for use outside the District without the written consent of the Contracting Officer.

RATE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER

- 5. (a) On or before December 15 of each year the Contracting Officer shall furnish to the District written notice of the rate of payment to be made by the District for supplemental water to be delivered pursuant to this contract during the ensuing year, but in no event shall the rate so announced be in excess of Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) per acre-foot.
- each year at the rate fixed as provided in subdivision (a) of this article for the quantity of supplemental water which the District is required to accept and pay for during such year pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 hereof. Prior to the delivery of supplemental water but no later than February 15 the District shall pay one-half (1/2) of the amount payable for said water scheduled for the year and shall pay the remainder of the amount payable for said water at the time the quantity of water furnished to the District equals the quantity for which payment has been made, but in no event later than July 1 or such other later date or dates of the respective year as may be specified by the Contracting Officer in a written notice to

the District. Supplemental water requested by the District in excess of the quantity it has scheduled shall be paid for in full at the time or times such requests are made.

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(c) In event the District is unable, fails, or refuses to accept delivery of the quantities of water available for delivery to and required to be accepted or paid by it pursuant to this contract or in the event the District in any year fails to submit a schedule for delivery as provided in subdivision (a) of Article 4 hereof, said inability, failure, or refusal shall not relieve the District of its obligation to pay for said water and the District agrees to make payment therefor in the same manner as if said water had been delivered to and accepted by it in accordance with this contract.

ADJUSTMENTS

6. The amount of any overpayment by the District by reason of the quantity of supplemental water actually available for the District during any year, as conclusively determined by the Contracting Officer, having been less than the quantity of such water which the District otherwise under the provisions of this contract would have been required to receive and pay for shall be applied first to any accrued indebtedness arising out of this contract then due and owing to the United States by the District and any amount of such overpayment then remaining shall, at the option of the District, be refunded to the

Mistrict or credited upon amounts to become due to the United States from the District under the provisions hereof in the ensuing year.

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POINTS OF DELIVERY, MAINTENANCE OF FLOWS AND LEVELS, MEASUREMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

- 7. (a) The water to be furnished to the District pursuant to this contract shall be delivered from Mendota Pool at diversion points mutually agreed upon by the Contracting Officer and the District.
- (b) All water furnished pursuant to this contract shall be measured by the United States at the points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this article with equipment installed, operated, and maintained by the United States. Upon the request of the District the accuracy of such measurements shall be investigated by the Contracting Officer and any errors appearing therein adjusted.
- (c) The United States shall not be responsible for the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of water which may be furnished at the delivery points established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this article, nor for claim of damage of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to property damage, personal injury or death, arising out of or connected with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of such water beyond such delivery points: Provided, that the United States reserves the right to the use of all waste, seepage, and return-flow water derived

- 1 from supplemental water furnished to the District hereunder which
- 2 escapes or is discharged beyond the District's boundaries and nothing
- 3 herein shall be construed as an abandonment or a relinquishment by the
- 4 United States of the right to use any such water, but this shall not
- 5 be construed as claiming for the United States any right, as waste,
- 6 seepage, or return flow, to water being used pursuant to this contract
- 7 , for surface irrigation or underground storage within the District's
- 8 boundaries by the District or those claiming by, through, or under
- 9 the District.

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10 The United States may temporarily discontinue or reduce the quantity of water to be furnished to the District as herein provided 11 1 for the purpose of such investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, 13 or replacement as may be reasonably necessary of any of the Project 14 facilities used for the furnishing of water to the District or any 15 part thereof, but so far as feasible the United States shall give the 16 District due notice in advance of such temporary discontinuance or 17 reduction, except in case of emergency, in which case no notice need 18 be given. In the event of any such discontinuance or reduction, upon 19 the resumption of service to the extent it may be possible to do so

and within the ability of the District to accept the same, the United

States shall deliver the quantity of water which would have been

furnished to the District in the absence of such contingency.

(e) The right to the beneficial use of supplemental water furnished to the District pursuant to the terms of Article 3 and other applicable provisions of this contract and any renewal thereof, insofar as the renewal relates to the furnishing of water for agricultural use, shall not be disturbed so long as the District shall fulfill all of its obligations under this contract and any such renewal.

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UNITED STATES NOT LIABLE FOR WATER SHORTAGE

8. (a) There may occur at times during any year a shortage in the quantity of water available for furnishing to the District through and by means of the Project, but in no event shall any liability accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising from a shortage on account of errors in operation, drought, or other causes. In any year in which there may occur a shortage from any cause, the United States will furnish Schedule 2 water in accordance with Article 3 hereof and reserves the right to apportion the available supplemental water supply among the District and others entitled under the then existing contracts to receive water from the Delta-Mendota Canal or Mendota Pool, or both, in accordance with conclusive determinations of the Contracting Officer, as follows:

(1) A determination shall be made of the total quantity of supplemental water agreed to be accepted during the respective

year under all contracts then in force for the delivery of water from the Delta-Mendota Canal or Mendota Pool, or both, the quantity so determined being hereinafter referred to as the contractual commitments;

quantity of water from the Delta-Mendota Canal or Mendota

Pool, or both, which is in excess of the quantity necessary

to meet the requirements of the Amended Contract for Exchange

of Waters, No. Ilr-1144, dated March 17, 1956, and which is

available for meeting the contractual commitments, the quantity

so determined being hereinafter referred to as the available

supply:

- (111) The total quantity of supplemental water agreed to be furnished to the District by the United States during the respective year under Article 3 hereof shall be divided by the contractual commitments, the quotient thus obtained being hereinafter referred to as the District's contractual entitlement; and
- (iv) The available supply shall be multiplied by the District's contractual entitlement and the result shall be the quantity of supplemental water required to be delivered by the United States to the District for the respective year.

- Insofar as determined by the Contracting Officer to be practicable. 1
- 2 in the event a shortage appears probable the United States shall
- 3 notify the District of such determination in advance of the irrigation
- season.
- (b) In the event that in any year there is delivered to
- the District, by reason of any shortage or apportionment as provided
- 7 in subdivision (a) of this article or any discontinuance or reduction
- 8 of service as set forth in subdivision (d) of Article 7 hereof, less
- 9 than the quantity of supplemental water which the District otherwise
- 10 would be entitled to receive, there shall be made an adjustment on
- 11 account of the amounts paid to the United States by the District for
- 12 water for said year in a manner similar to that provided for in
- 13 Article 6 hereof. To the extent of such deficiency, such adjustment
- 14 shall constitute the sole remedy of the District or anyone having or
- 15 claiming to have by, through, or under the District the right to the
- 16 use of any of the water supply provided for herein.
- 17 (c) The rights of the District to supplemental water under this contract are subject to the terms of the Amended Contract for 13
- 19 Exchange of Waters, No. Ilr-1144, dated March 17, 1956,

MUNICIPAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND DOMESTIC USE OF WATER FURNISHED TO DISTRICT

9. (a) Supplemental water furnished in accordance with Article 3
of this contract is for agricultural use but may be furnished by the
District for municipal, industrial, and domestic use subject to the

terms and conditions hereinafter stated.

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- (b) Within thirty (30) days after a statement therefor has

 been furnished to the District by the United States, the District shall

 pay for the quantity of supplemental water so used for municipal,

 industrial, and domestic purposes at a rate per acre-foot equal to

 the difference between the rate paid for said water for agricultural

 use and Ten Dollars (\$10).
- 12 (c) Supplemental water furnished by the District pursuant 13 to this article shall be measured by the District with equipment 14 installed, operated, and maintained by the District. Said equipment 15 and its installation, service, and use shall be approved by the 16 Contracting Officer. The United States shall have full and reasonable 17 access at all reasonable times to inspect said measuring equipment _18 for the purpose of determining the accuracy and condition thereof. 19 and any errors in measurement disclosed by said inspection shall be 20 adjusted. If said facilities are found to be defective or inaccurate 21 they shall be readjusted, repaired, or replaced by the District.

- 1 the event the District neglects or fails to make such repairs or
- 2 replacements within a reasonable time as may be necessary to satisfy
- 3 the operating requirements of the Contracting Officer, the United
- 4 States may cause the repairs or replacements to be made and the costs
- 5 thereof charged to the District, which charge the District shall pay
- 6 to the United States before April 1 of the year following that in
- 7 which the cost was incurred and a statement thereof furnished by the
- 8 United States.
- 9 (d) The District shall maintain, in a manner satisfactory
- 10 to the Contracting Officer, records of the quantity of supplemental
- 11 water furnished for use pursuant to subdivision (a) of this article
- and shall submit a report to the United States before the 7th day
- 13 of each month following the month in which water is so furnished
- 14 showing the quantities of water used.
- 15 (e) It is understood and agreed that use of water pursuant
- 16 to this article shall not be construed in any manner as to constitute
- 17 a right or commitment during the term of this contract or any renewal
- 18 thereof for delivery of water in addition to that provided pursuant
- 19 to Article 3 hereof.

20 QUALITY OF WATER

- 21 10. (a) The quality of water furnished under this contract shall
- 22 be the best that the United States, following its established operating

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- 2 be at all times suitable irrigation water for use upon the lands
- 3 served by the District. The fact that the requirements of such water
- 4 quality are herein stated only in terms of parts per million of total
- 5 dissolved solids should not be construed as meaning that this
- o particular measurement of water quality is the sole indication of
- 7 requisite water quality. The best data presently available on the
- 8 character of the possible sources of water supplying the Delta-Mendota
- 9 Canal indicate that as concentration changes there will be no signi-
- 10 ficant change in the character of the water with respect to the
- 11 proportions of the various constituents; however, if such water meets
 - the following specific requirements it shall be deemed conclusively
- 13 to be suitable irrigation water hereunder:
- 14 (i) Daily: The quality of water shall not exceed
- a mean daily value of eight hundred (800) parts per million
- of total dissolved solids. The mean daily values are to be
- 17 computed by weighting the instantaneous values on the basis
- of time of occurrence during each day;

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- 9 (ii) Monthly: The quality of water shall not exceed
- 20 a mean monthly value of six hundred (600) parts per million of
- 21 total dissolved solids. The mean monthly value is to be computed

by weighting each mean daily value of total dissolved solids on the basis of the quantity of water delivered each day of the month;

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- (iii) Annual: The quality of water shall not exceed a mean annual value during the year of four hundred and fifty (450) parts per million of total dissolved solids. The mean annual value is to be computed by weighting each mean daily value of total dissolved solids on the basis of quantity of water delivered each day of the year; and
- (iv) Five-year: The average quality of water for any five (5) consecutive years shall not exceed a mean value of four hundred (400) parts per million of total dissolved solids. The 5-year average shall be computed by weighting each mean daily value of total dissolved solids on the basis of quantity of water delivered each day of the five (5) consecutive years ending with the current year.
- (b) The quality of water delivered from the San Joaquin River shall be determined at the present location of the Whitehouse gaging station, and from the Delta-Mendota Canal shall be measured by a salinity recorder as presently installed in said Canal. The quality determination made at said gaging station and the rating of said recorder shall be from bottle samples taken twice each month

from which total dissolved solids will be determined by chemical

2 analysis. When water is being delivered from the Delta-Mendota Canal

and from the San Joaquin River simultaneously, the quality of all

4 water so delivered shall be determined by computing the weighted

average quality of all water so delivered. All quality determinations

6 shall be made by the Contracting Officer.

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DRAINAGE STUDIES AND FACILITIES

potential drainage problems the District shall, in a manner satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, maintain a grid of observation wells and shall furnish annually to the Contracting Officer during the term of this contract and any rehewal thereof records and analyses of well readings as they relate to potential drainage problems. When a continuing rise in the ground water indicates the need therefor, the District shall construct drainage works to protect the irrigability

WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT

12. Neither the District nor any landowner therein shall divert, dispose of, or otherwise use San Joaquin water under any claims of water rights so long as the United States delivers or is ready, able, and willing to deliver to the District Schedule 2 water in accordance with the terms of this contract. Performance by the United States

- of its obligations hereunder with respect to the delivery of Schedule 2
- 2 water shall release the United States from liability with respect
- 3 to such claims.

ACCESS TO FRESNO SLOUGH

- 5 13. To the extent the District has the power to grant such use, the
- 6 United States may use the roads within the boundaries of the District
- 7 as the same may exist from time to time for ingress and egress to and
- 8 from Fresno Slough.

CHARGES A GENERAL OBLIGATION-LEVIES THEREFOR

- 10 14. (a) The District as a whole is obligated to pay to the
- 11 United States the charges becoming due as provided in this contract
- 2 notwithstanding the default in the payment to the District by individual
- 13 water users of assessments, tolls, or other charges levied by the
- 14 District.
- 15 (b) The District will cause to be levied and collected all
- 16 necessary assessments, tolls, and other charges, and will use all of
- 17 the authority and resources of the District to meet its obligations
- 18 hereunder.

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ALL BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT

- 20 15. Should any assessment or assessments required by the terms
- 21 of this contract and levied by the District against any tract of land
- 22 or water user in the District and necessary to meet the obligations

1 of the District thereunder be judicially determined to be irregular 2 or void, or should the District or its officers be enjoined or 3 restrained from making or collecting any assessments upon such land or from such water user as provided for herein, then such tract shall 5 have no right to any supplemental water furnished to the District 6 pursuant to this contract, and no supplemental water made available 7 by the United States pursuant hereto shall be furnished for the benefit of any such lands or water users, except upon the payment by 9 the landowner of his assessment or a toll charge for such water, 10 notwithstanding the existence of any contract between the District and 11 the owner or owners of such tract. Contracts, if any, between the ,2 District and the water users involving supplemental water furnished 13 pursuant to this contract shall provide that such use shall be subject 14 to the terms of this contract. It is further agreed that the payment 15 of charges at the rate and upon the terms and conditions provided for 16 herein is a prerequisite to the right to the use of supplemental water 17 furnished to the District pursuant to this contract, and no irregularity 18 in levying taxes or assessments by the District nor lack of authority 19 in the District, whether affecting the validity of District taxes 20 or assessments or not, shall be held to authorize or permit any 21 water user of the District to demand supplemental water made available

1 pursuant to this contract, unless charges at the rate and upon the

terms and conditions provided therefor by the District have been

3 paid by such water user.

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REFUSAL OF WATER IN CASE OF DEFAULT

by the District to or for the use of any lands or parties therein during any period in which the District may be in arrears in the advance payment of charges accruing under this contract. No supplemental water shall be furnished to or by the District pursuant to this contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the payment to the District of any assessments, rates, tolls, or rental charges of the District levied or established by the District and necessary for the purpose of raising revenues to meet the payment by the District to the United States of the District's obligation under this contract.

PENALTY FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

17. The District shall pay a penalty on installments or charges which become delinquent computed at the rate of one-half of one percent per month of the amount of such delinquent installments or charges for each day from the date of such delinquency until paid: Provided, That no penalty shall be charged to the District unless such delinquency continues for more than thirty (30) days.

BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS

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2 18. The District shall establish and maintain accounts and other
3 books and records pertaining to its financial transactions, land use
4 and crop production, water use, and to such other matters as the
5 Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished
6 to the United States in such form and on such date or dates as may be
7 required by the Contracting Officer. Each party shall have the right,
9 during office hours, to examine and make copies of the other party's
9 books and official records relating to matters covered by this contract.

CHANGES IN DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

- 19. (a) While this contract is in effect and excepting a total of five hundred (500) acres of inclusions and exclusions, upon prior notice to the Contracting Officer, no change shall be made in the District, by inclusion or exclusion of lands, by dissolution, consolidation, or merger or otherwise, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent thereto.
- 17 (b) In the event lands are annexed to or excluded from the
 18 District as provided herein, the parties hereto may by supplemental
 19 agreement increase or decrease the quantity of supplemental water which
 20 is to be furnished by the United States to the District and which the
 21 District is required to receive and pay for pursuant to this contract.

LANDS NOT TO RECEIVE WATER FURNISHED TO DISTRICT BY UNITED STATES UNTIL OWNERS THEREOF EXECUTE CERTAIN CONTRACTS

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20. (a) No supplemental water made available pursuant to this contract shall be furnished to any excess lands as defined in Article 22 hereof unless the owners thereof shall have executed valid recordable contracts in form prescribed by the United States, agreeing to the provisions of this article and Articles 21 and 22 of this contract; agreeing to the appraisal provided for in Article 21 hereof and that such appraisal shall be made on the basis of the actual bona fide value of such lands at the date of the appraisal without reference to the construction of the Project, all as hereinafter provided, and agreeing to the sale of such excess lands under terms and conditions satisfactory to the Secretary and at prices not to exceed those fixed as hereinafter provided. No sale of any excess lands shall carry the right to receive supplemental water made available pursuant to this contract unless and until the purchase price involved in such sale is approved by the Contracting Officer and upon proof of fraudulent representation as to the true consideration involved in such sales, the United States may instruct the District by written notice to refuse to furnish any supplemental water subject to this contract to the land involved in such fraudulent sales, and the District thereafter shall not furnish said water to such lands.

(b) If supplemental water furnished to the District pursuant to this contract reaches the underground strata of excess land owned by a large landowner, as defined in subdivision (a) of Article 22 hereof, who has not executed a recordable contract and the large landowner pumps such supplemental water from the underground, the District will not be deemed to have furnished such water to said lands within the meaning of this contract if such water reached the under-ground strata of the aforesaid excess land as an unavoidable result of the furnishing of supplemental water by the District to nonexcess lands or to excess lands with respect to which a recordable contract has been executed.

VALUATION AND SALE OF EXCESS LANDS

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21. (a) The value of the excess irrigable lands within the District held in private ownership of large landowners as defined in the next succeeding article hereof, for the purposes of this contract, shall be appraised in a manner to be prescribed by the Secretary. At the option of a large landowner, however, the value of such land may be appraised, subject to the approval thereof by the Secretary, by three appraisers. One of said appraisers shall be designated by the Secretary and one shall be designated by the District and the two appraisers so appointed shall name the third. If the appraisers so designated by the Secretary and the District are unable to agree

- upon the appointment of the third, the Presiding Justice of the
- 2 Fifth District Court of Appeal of the State of California shall be
- 3 requested to designate the third appraiser.

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- (b) The following principles shall govern the appraisal:
- 5 (i) No value shall be given such lands on account of
 6 the existing or prospective possibility of securing supplemental
 7 water from the Project:
 - (ii) The value of improvements on the land at the time of said appraisal shall be included therein, but also shall be set forth separately in such appraisal.
- at the instance of the United States or at the request of said landowner.

 The cost of the first two appraisals of each tract of excess land shall
 be paid by the United States. The cost of each appraisal thereafter
 shall be paid by the party requesting such appraisal.
 - (d) Any improvements made or placed on the appraised land after the appraisal hereinabove provided for prior to sale of the land by a large landowner shall be appraised in like manner.
 - (e) Excess irrigable lands sold by large landowners within the District shall not carry the right to receive supplemental water made available pursuant to this contract for such lands and the District agrees to refuse to furnish such water to lands so sold until, in

- l addition to compliance with the other provisions hereof, a verified
- 2 statement showing the sale price upon any such sale shall have been
- 3 filed with the District and said sale price is not in excess of the
- 4 appraised value fixed as provided herein.
- (f) The District agrees to take all reasonable steps requested
- 6 by the Contracting Officer to ascertain the occurrence and conditions of
- 7 all sales of irrigable land of large landowners in the District made
- subsequent to the execution of this contract and to inform the United
- 9 States concerning the same.
- 10 (g) A true copy of this contract, of each recordable contract
- ll executed pursuant to this article and Articles 20 and 22 hereof, and of
- each appraisal made pursuant thereto shall be furnished to the District
- 13 by the United States and shall be maintained on file in the office of
- 14 the District and like copies in such offices of the Bureau of Reclamation
- as may be designated by the Contracting Officer and shall be made avail-
- 16 able for examination during the usual office hours by all persons who
- 17 may be interested therein.

EXCESS LANDS

- 19 22. (a) As used herein the term "excess land" means that part
- 20 of the irrigable land within the District in excess of one hundred and
- 21 sixty (160) acres held in the beneficial ownership of any single person;
- or in excess of three hundred and twenty (320) acres held in the

- l beneficial ownership of husband and wife jointly, as tenants in common
- 2 or by the entirety, or as community property. The term "large land-
- 3 owner" means an owner of excess lands and the term "nonexcess land"
- 4 means all irrigable land within the District which is not excess land
- 5 as defined herein.

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- 6 (b) Each large landowner as a further condition precedent
- 7 to the right to receive supplemental water made available pursuant to
- 8 this contract for any of his excess land shall:
 - (i) Before any supplemental water is furnished by the District to his excess land, execute a valid recordable contract in form prescribed by the United States, agreeing to the provisions contained in this article and Articles 20 and 21 hereof and agreeing to dispose of his excess land in accordance therewith to persons who can take title thereto as nonexcess land as herein provided and at a price not to exceed the approved, appraised value of such excess land and within a period of ten (10) years after the date of the execution of said recordable contract and agreeing further that if said land is not so disposed of within said period of ten (10) years, the Secretary shall have the power to dispose of said land at the appraised value thereof fixed as provided herein or such lower price as may be approved by the owner of such land, subject to the same conditions on behalf

of such large landowner; and the District agrees that it will refuse to furnish said water to any large landowner other than for his nonexcess land until such owner meets the conditions precedent herein stated;

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(ii) Within thirty (30) days after the date of notice from the United States requesting such large landowner to designate his irrigable lands within the District which he desires to designate as nonexcess lands, file in the office of the District, in duplicate, one copy thereof to be furnished by the District to the Bureau of Reclamation, his written designation and description of lands so selected to be nonexcess land and upon failure to do so the District shall make such designation and mail a notice thereof to such large landowner, and in the event the District fails to act within such period of time as the Contracting Officer considers reasonable, such designation will be made by the Contracting Officer, who will mail a notice thereof to the District and the large landowner. The large landowner shall become bound by any such action on the part of the District or the Contracting Officer and the District will furnish said water only to the land so designated to be nonexcess land. A large landowner may, with the consent of the Contracting Officer, designate land other than that previously designated as nonexcess land: Provided.

That an equal acreage of the land previously designated as nonexcess shall, upon such new designation, become excess land
thereafter subject to the provisions of this article and Articles 20
and 21 of this contract and shall be described in an amendment
of such recordable contract as may have been executed by the large
landowner in the same manner as if such land had been excess land
at the time of the original designation.

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AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL RECLAMATION LAWS

23. In the event that the Congress of the United States repeals the so-called excess-land provisions of the Federal reclamation laws, Articles 20, 21, and 22 of this contract will no longer be of any force or effect, and, in the event that the Congress amends the excess-land provisions or other provisions of the Federal reclamation laws, the United States agrees, at the option of the District, to negotiate amendments of appropriate articles of this contract, all consistently with the provisions of such repeal or amendment.

WATER ACQUIRED BY DISTRICT OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

24. (a) Supplemental water furnished pursuant to the terms of this contract may be transported by means of the same distribution facilities as Schedule 2 water and other water now available or which may become available to the District or landowners within the District other than pursuant to the terms of this contract for the reason that

- the Contracting Officer has determined that such mingling is necessary to avoid a duplication of facilities; notwithstanding such mingling
 of water, the provisions of this contract relating to supplemental
 water shall be applicable to the quantity of supplemental water furnished
 to the District pursuant to the terms hereof, but such mingling of water
 shall not in any manner subject to the provisions of this contract
 relating to supplemental water any Schedule 2 water or any other quantity
 of water acquired by or available to the District or landowners within
 the District other than from the United States.
 - (b) With respect to the distribution facilities or portions thereof in which mingling is permitted as provided in subdivision (a) hereof, the District:

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of separate outlets from the distribution system for nonexcess and excess lands as defined in Article 22 hereof. At the request of the Contracting Officer, the District will be responsible for the installation, operation, and maintenance of water-measuring equipment at delivery points to excess lands and, further, will be responsible for the installation, operation, operation, and maintenance of similar equipment for measuring the water available to the District or landowners within the District other than supplemental water and the Contracting Officer may check and inspect said equipment at any time;

(ii) Agrees that the quantity of supplemental water furnished to it by the United States during each 24-hour period will be delivered by the District only to eligible land through aforesaid outlets to eligible lands. The District shall be deemed to be in breach of this article and Articles 20, 21, and 22 of this contract if at any time there is furnished to all excess lands not covered by recordable contracts and served by the distribution facilities or portions thereof in which mingling is permitted, a quantity of water which is greater than the Schedule 2 water and that which the District or landowners within the District have introduced into said system from the supply available other than pursuant to this contract. For purposes of this article only, the quantity of Schedule 2 water for each 24-hour period in any month shall be derived by dividing the Schedule 2 water for that month by the number of days in that month: Provided, That in August and September the District may schedule releases in specific quantities of supplemental water and Schedule 2 water within the entitlements for each month.

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CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

25. The expenditure of any money or the performance of any work by the United States hereunder which may require appropriation of money by the Congress or the allotment of funds shall be contingent upon such

- 1 appropriation or allotment being made. The failure of the Congress so
- 2 to appropriate funds or the absence of an allotment of funds shall not
- 3 relieve the District from any obligations then accrued under this
- 4 contract and no liability shall accrue to the United States in case
- 5 such funds are not appropriated or allotted.

OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

- 7 26. (a) No Member of or Delegate to Congress or Resident
- 6 Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or
- 9 to any benefit that may arise herefrom, but this restriction shall not
- 10 be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation or
- 11 company for its general benefit.
 - ∠ (b) No official of the District shall receive any benefit
- 13 that may arise by reason of this contract other than as a landowner
- 14 within the District and in the same manner as other landowners within
- 15 the District.

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NOTICES

- 17 27. (a) Any notice authorized or required to be given to the
- 18 United States shall be deemed to have been given when mailed, postage
- 19 prepaid, or delivered to the Regional Director, Region 2, Bureau of
- 20 Reclamation, Post Office Box 2511, Sacramento, California. Any notice
- 21 authorized or required to be given to the District shall be deemed to
- 22 have been given when mailed in a postage-prepaid or franked envelope,

- or delivered to the James Irrigation District. Post Office Box 787,
- 2 San Joaquin, California. This article shall not preclude the effective
- 3 service of any such notice or announcement by other means.
- 4 (b) The designation of the addressee or the address given
- 5 above may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided in
- 6 this article for other notices.

ASSIGNMENT LIMITED-SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED

- 3 29. The provisions of this contract shall apply to and bind the
- 9 successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or
- 10 transfer of this contract or any part or interest therein shall be
- Il valid until approved by the Secretary.

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REMEDIES UNDER CONTRACT NOT EXCLUSIVE—WAIVERS

- 13 29. Nothing contained in this contract shall be construed as in
- 14 in any manner abridging, limiting, or depriving the United States
- 15 of any means of enforcing any remedy, either at law or in equity, for
- 16 the breach of any of the provisions hereof which it would otherwise
- 17 have. Any waiver at any time by either party to this contract of its
- 18 rights with respect to a default, or any matter arising in connection
- 19 with this contract, shall not be deemed to be a waiver with respect
- 20 to any subsequent default or matter.

DETERMINATIONS

30. (a) In the event the District questions any factual
determination made by any representative of the Secretary as required
in the administration of this contract, any findings as to the facts
in dispute thereafter made by the Secretary shall be made only after
consultation with the District's Board of Directors.

(b) Where the terms of this contract provide for action to be based upon the opinion or determination of either party to this contract, whether or not stated to be conclusive, said terms shall not be construed as permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

31. The United States may prescribe and from time to time may modify rules and regulations not inconsistent with terms of this contract to carry out its purposes.

ASSURANCE RELATING TO VALIDITY OF CONTRACT

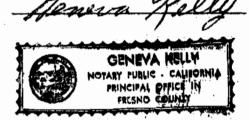
32. Promptly after the execution and delivery of this contract the District shall file and prosecute to a final decree, including any appeal therefrom to the highest court of the State of California, in a court of competent jurisdiction a special proceeding for the judicial examination, approval, and confirmation of the proceedings had for the organization of the District and the proceedings of the District Board

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. 2	making of this contract and the validity of the provisions thereof;		
3	and this contract shall not be binding on the United States until		
4	said District organisation, proceeding	ngs, and contract shall have been	
13	so confirmed by a court of competent	juriediction or pending appellate	
6	action in any court if ground for appeal he laid: Provided, That		
7	nothing herein contained shall require the District to assume the		
8	responsibility of prosecuting judicial review beyond the highest court		
9	of the State of California.		
10	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this		
7	contract the day and year first above written.		
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13	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL	THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
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On this 23rd day of December, 1963, before me, GENEVA KELLY, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared R. J. PAFFORD, JR., known to me to be the Regional Director, Region 2, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior of THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, which executed the within CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR WATER SERVICE AND FOR ADJUSTMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMED WATER RIGHTS, and known to me to be the person who executed the within contract on behalf of The United States of America, and acknowledged to me that The United States of America executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate above written.

My Commission Expires: June 11, 1965



STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ss.

On this 23rd day of December, 1963, before me, GENEVA KELLY, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Harold Hale, known to me to be the President, and Don A. Wright, known to me to be the Secretary of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT, the district that executed the within CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR WATER SERVICE AND FOR ADJUSTMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMED WATER RIGHTS, and known to me to be the persons who executed the within contract on behalf of the district therein named, and acknowledged to me that such district executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate above written.

My Commission Expires: June 11, 1965 Joneva Kelly

GENEVA KELLY
NOTARY PUBLIC - CALIFORNIA
PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN
FRESNO COUNTY

RESOLUTION

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION
OF CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA PROVIDING FOR WATER SERVICE
AND ADJUSTMENT AND SETTLEMENT
OF CERTAIN CLAIMED WATER RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the James Irrigation District is in need of supplemental irrigation water for the lands served by the District and in need of a more reliable and regular source of delivery of irrigation waters to the District than now exists, all over and above and in addition to the ground water sources of supply available to the District by pumping; and

WHEREAS, the irrigation water rights of the District on the Kings River and the storage thereof are in amounts irregular and inconsistent annually and impracticable of efficient delivery to the District; and

WHEREAS, the United States has offered to supply to the said District, for a period of forty (40) years, supplemental water, in more regular and consistent amounts annually, at a reasonable price, partly in lieu of the District's Kings River supplies and partly in supplement to the entire District water resources; and

WHEREAS, concurrently herewith, the District is renting to other entities on the Kings River, for a period of forty (40) years, the Kings River water and storage rights of the District, for the same price and terms being offered by the United States, but for quantities of said Kings River water rights undiminished by the losses of delivery incurred by this District when using same; and

WHEREAS, the District and lands therein has heretofore had certain riparian rights on the San Joaquin River,
which the United States desires to acquire permanently and
divert elsewhere and, in exchange therefor, the United States
offers to provide free an equivalent annual supply of water
at the Mendota Pool, adjacent to the District, and a permanent
exchange of water rights; and

WHEREAS, the electorate of this District has approved that certain contract offered by the United States providing for said supplemental water and said exchange of water rights,

which is entitled as follows:

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR WATER SERVICE AND FOR ADJUSTMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMED WATER RIGHTS. R.O. Draft 11/4-1963, Rev. W.O. 11/15-1963;

and

WHEREAS, the California Districts Securities Commission has also approved the execution of said proposed contract with the United States, by the James Irrigation District; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the District to enter into and execute said contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the President and Secretary of this Board be, and they are hereby authorized and instructed to execute, on behalf of said District, that certain contract above described with the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, and to affix the seal of the District thereto, and to deliver such executed contract to the Contracting Authority for the United States for their concurrent execution thereof on behalf of the United States.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 1963, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Three

NOES: None

ABSENT: Two

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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of James Irrigation District and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company duly and regularly held at San Joaquin, California, on the 16th day of December, 1963, at which time a quorum of said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting; and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended, in whole or in part, but remains in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said District this 18th day of December, 1963.

Donald Wright, Secretary of James Irrigation District.

	UNITED STATES
1	DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
2	BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
3	Central Valley Project, California
4	LONG-TERM RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
5	AND
6	JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT
7	PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE
8	FROM DELTA DIVISION
9	THIS CONTRACT, made this 25 day of Folgrapy, 2005, in pursuance
10	generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or supplementary thereto,
s:	including, but not limited to, the Acts of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844), as amended and
12	supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented, July 2, 1956 (70 Stat.
13	483), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263), October 27, 1986 (100 Stat.
14	3050), as amended, and Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706), all collectively
15	hereinafter referred to as Federal Reclamation law, between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
16	hereinafter referred to as the United States, and JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT, hereinafter
17	referred to as the Contractor, a public agency of the State of California, duly organized, existing, and
18	acting pursuant to the laws thereof;
19	WITNESSETH, That:

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EXPLANATORY RECITALS

21	[1"] WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central Valley
22	Project (Project), California, for diversion, storage, carriage, distribution and beneficial use, for flood
23	control, irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and wildlife mitigation, protection and
24	restoration, generation and distribution of electric energy, salinity control, navigation and other
25	beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River, the American River, the Trinity River, and the San
26	Joaquin River and their tributaries; and
27	[2 nd] WHEREAS, the United States constructed the Delta-Mendota Canal and related
28	facilities, which will be used in part for the furnishing of water to the Contractor pursuant to the terms
29	of this Contract; and
30	[3 rd] WHEREAS, the rights to Project Water were acquired by the United States pursuant to
À	California law for operation of the Project; and
32	[4 th] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States entered into Contract
33	No. 14-06-200-700-A, dated December 23, 1963, which established terms for the delivery of 9,700
34	acre-feet of Schedule 2 water as a permanent adjustment and settlement of the Contractor's asserted
35	claims of rights to water in Fresno Slough, tributary to the San Joaquin River in fulfillment of such
36	rights; and
37	[5 th] WHEREAS, Schedule 2 water is not the subject of this Contract and will continue to
38	be delivered and administered under the terms and conditions of Contract No. 14-06-200-700-A; and

)	[5.1] WHEREAS, Contract No. 14-06-200-700-A also established the terms for the delivery		
40	of 35,300 acre-feet of supplemental water, hereinafter referred to as Project Water, to the Contractor		
41	from Delta Division facilities from December 23, 1963, through December 23, 2003; and		
42	[5.2] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States have pursuant to subsection		
43	3404(c)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), subsequently entered into		
44	interim renewal contract(s) identified as Contract No(s). 14-06-200-700-A-IR1 and 14-06-200-700-		
45	A-IR2, the current of which is hereinafter referred to as the Existing Contract, which provided for the		
46.	delivery of Project Water to the Contractor from March 1, 2004, through February 28, 2006; and		
47	[6 th] WHEREAS, Section 3404(c) of the CVPIA provides for long-term renewal of the		
48	Existing Contract following completion of appropriate environmental documentation, including a		
49	programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy		
70	Act (NEPA) analyzing the direct and indirect impacts and benefits of implementing the CVPIA and		
51	the potential renewal of all existing contracts for Project Water; and		
52	[7 th] WHEREAS, the United States has completed the PEIS and all other appropriate		
53	environmental review necessary to provide for long-term renewal of the terms and conditions for		
54	Project Water service under the Existing Contract; and		
55	[8 th] WHEREAS, the Contractor has requested a long-term renewal contract for Project		
56	Water service, pursuant to the terms of the Existing Contract, Federal Reclamation law, and the laws		
57	of the State of California; and		
58	[9 th] WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Contractor has fulfilled all of		
59	its obligations under the Existing Contract; and		

С	[10 th] WHEREAS, the Contractor has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Contracting
61	Officer that the Contractor has utilized the Project Water supplies available to it for reasonable and
62	beneficial use and/or has demonstrated projected future demand for water use such that the Contractor
63	has the capability and expects to utilize fully for reasonable and beneficial use the quantity of Project
64	Water to be made available to it pursuant to this Contract; and
65	[11 th] WHEREAS, water obtained from the Project has been relied upon by urban and
66	agricultural areas within California for more than 50 years, and is considered by the Contractor as an
67	essential portion of its water supply; and
68	[12 th] WHEREAS, the economies of regions within the Project, including the Contractor's,
69	depend upon the continued availability of water, including water service from the Project; and
70	[13 th] WHEREAS, the Secretary intends through coordination, cooperation, and partnerships
1.1	to pursue measures to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project
72	purposes; and
73	[14 th] WHEREAS, the mutual goals of the United States and the Contractor include: to
74	provide for reliable Project Water supplies; to control costs of those supplies; to achieve repayment of
75	the Project as required by law; to guard reasonably against Project Water shortages; to achieve a
76	reasonable balance among competing demands for use of Project Water; and to comply with all
77	applicable environmental statutes, all consistent with the legal obligations of the United States
78	relative to the Project; and
79	[15 th] WHEREAS, the parties intend by this Contract to develop a more cooperative

relationship in order to achieve their mutual goals; and

. 1	[15.1] WHEREAS, the Contractor has utilized or may utilize transfers, contract assignments	
82	rescheduling and conveyance of Project Water and non-Project water under this Contract as tools to	
83	minimize the impacts of Conditions of Shortage and to maximize the beneficial use of water; and	
84	[15.2] WHEREAS, the parties desire and intend that this Contract not provide a disincentive	
85	to the Contractor in continuing to carry out the beneficial activities set out in the Explanatory Recital	
86	immediately above; and	
87	[16 th] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor are willing to enter into this	
88	Contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law on the terms and conditions set forth below;	
89	NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants herein	
-90	contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows:	
91	<u>DEFINITIONS</u>	
2	1. When used herein unless otherwise distinctly expressed, or manifestly incompatible	
93	with the intent of the parties as expressed in this Contract, the term:	
94	(a) "Calendar Year" shall mean the period January 1 through December 31, both	
95	dates inclusive;	
96	(b) "Charges" shall mean the payments required by Federal Reclamation law in	
97	addition to the Rates and Tiered Pricing Component specified in this Contract as determined annually	
98	by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this Contract;	
99	(c) "Condition of Shortage" shall mean a condition respecting the Project during	
100	any Year such that the Contracting Officer is unable to deliver sufficient water to meet the Contract	
101	Total;	

2	(d) "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior's duly authorized	
103	representative acting pursuant to this Contract or applicable Federal Reclamation law or regulation;	
104	(e) "Contract Total" shall mean the maximum amount of water to which the	
105	Contractor is entitled under subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract;	
106	(f) "Contractor's Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Contractor is	
107	permitted to provide Project Water under this Contract as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto,	
108	which may be modified from time to time in accordance with Article 35 of this Contract without	
109	amendment of this Contract;	
110	(g) "CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Title	
111	XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706);	
. 2	(g.1) "Delta Division Facilities" shall mean those existing and future Project	
113	facilities in and south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers Delta, including, but not limited to, the	
114	Tracy Pumping Plant, the O'Neill Forebay, the O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant, and the San Luis	
115	Reservoir, used to divert, store, and convey water to those Project Contractors entitled to receive	
116	water conveyed through the Delta-Mendota Canal.	
117	(h) "Eligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may be	
118	delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the Reclamation Reform Act of October 12, 1982 (96	

Stat. 1263), as amended, hereinafter referred to as RRA;

9 (i) "Excess Lands" shall mean all lands in excess of the limitations contained in
121 Section 204 of the RRA, other than those lands exempt from acreage limitation under Federal
122 Reclamation law;

- Officer that shall amortize the expenditures for construction properly allocable to the Project irrigation or M&I functions, as appropriate, of facilities in service including all O&M deficits funded, less payments, over such periods as may be required under Federal Reclamation law, or applicable contract provisions. Interest will accrue on both the construction expenditures and funded O&M deficits from October 12, 1982, on costs outstanding at that date, or from the date incurred in the case of costs arising subsequent to October 12, 1982, and shall be calculated in accordance with subsections 202(3)(B) and (3)(C) of the RRA. The Full Cost Rate includes actual operation, maintenance, and replacement costs consistent with Section 426.2 of the Rules and Regulations for the RRA;
- (k) "Ineligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may not be delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the RRA;
- (l) "Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the Full Cost Rate applicable to the delivery of Irrigation Water;
- (m) "Irrigation Water" shall mean Project Water that is used primarily in the production of agricultural crops or livestock, including domestic use incidental thereto, and watering of livestock;

9	(n) "Landholder" shall mean a party that directly or indirectly owns or leases		
141	nonexempt land, as provided in 43 CFR 426.2;		
142	(o) "Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water" shall mean Project Water, other than		
143	Irrigation Water, made available to the Contractor. M&I Water shall include water used for human		
144	use and purposes such as the watering of landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horses) which are		
145	kept for personal enjoyment or water delivered to landholdings operated in units of less than five		
146	acres unless the Contractor establishes to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the use of		
147	water delivered to any such landholding is a use described in subdivision (m) of this Article;		
148	(p) "M&I Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the Full Cost Rate applicable		
149	to the delivery of M&I Water;		
150	(q) "Operation and Maintenance" or "O&M" shall mean normal and reasonable		
1	care, control, operation, repair, replacement (other than capital replacement), and maintenance of		
152	Project facilities;		
153	(r) "Operating Non-Federal Entity" shall mean the entity(ies), its (their) successors		
154	or assigns, which has (have) the obligation to operate and maintain all or a portion of the Delta		
155	Division Facilities pursuant to a written agreement(s) with the United States. When this Contract was		
156	entered into, the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) was (were) the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water		
157	Authority;		
158	(s) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United States and		

managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;

9	(t)	"Project Contractors" shall mean all parties who have water service contracts
161	for Project Water fro	m the Project with the United States pursuant to Federal Reclamation law;
162	(u)	"Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or
163	delivered by the Secr	etary in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project and in accordance
164	with the terms and co	onditions of water rights acquired pursuant to California law; however, Schedule
165	2 Water shall not be considered Project Water for purposes of this Contract;	
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166	(v)	"Rates" shall mean the payments determined annually by the Contracting
167	Officer in accordance	with the then current applicable water ratesetting policies for the Project, as
168	described in subdivision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract;	
169	(w)	"Recent Historic Average" shall mean the most recent five-year average of the
9	final forecast of Water	er Made Available to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract or its preceding
171	contract(s);	
172	(w.1)	"Schedule 2 Water" shall mean that water as so defined under Contract
173	No. 14-06-200-700-A	with the United States, which will continue to be delivered and administered
174	under said contract;	
175	(x)	"Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior, a duly appointed successor,
176	or an authorized repre	esentative acting pursuant to any authority of the Secretary and through any
177	agency of the Departr	nent of the Interior;
178	(y)	"Tiered Pricing Component" shall be the incremental amount to be paid for

each acre-foot of Water Delivered as described in subdivision (j) of Article 7 of this Contract;

(z) "Water Delivered" or "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water diverted for use by the Contractor at the point(s) of delivery approved by the Contracting Officer;

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- 182 (aa) "Water Made Available" shall mean the estimated amount of Project Water that

 183 can be delivered to the Contractor for the upcoming Year as declared by the Contracting Officer,

 184 pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 4 of this Contract;
 - (bb) "Water Scheduled" shall mean Project Water made available to the Contractor for which times and quantities for delivery have been established by the Contractor and Contracting Officer, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract; and
 - (cc) "Year" shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each Calendar

 Year through the last day of February of the following Calendar Year.

TERM OF CONTRACT

- 2. (a) This Contract shall be effective March 1, 2005, through February 28, 2030, and supersedes Contract No. 14-06-200-700-A-IR2. In the event the Contractor wishes to renew this Contract beyond February 28, 2030, the Contractor shall submit a request for renewal in writing to the Contracting Officer no later than two years prior to the date this Contract expires. The renewal of this Contract insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of Irrigation Water to the Contractor shall be governed by subdivision (b) of this Article, and the renewal of this Contract insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of M&I Water to the Contractor shall be governed by subdivision (c) of this Article.
- (b) (1) Under terms and conditions of a renewal contract that are mutually agreeable to the parties hereto, and upon a determination by the Contracting Officer that at the time of contract renewal the conditions set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this Article are met, and subject to

Federal and State law, this Contract, insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of Irrigation Water to the Contractor, shall be renewed for a period of 25 years.

- (i) the Contractor has prepared a water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer in accordance with Article 26 of this Contract to meet the conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating such plans established under Federal law; (ii) the Contractor is implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the Contractor's water conservation plan as required by Article 26 of this Contract; (iii) the Contractor is operating and maintaining all water measuring devices and implementing all water measurement methods as approved by the Contracting Officer pursuant to Article 6 of this Contract; (iv) the Contractor has reasonably and beneficially used the Project Water supplies made available to it and, based on projected demands, is reasonably anticipated and expects to fully utilize for reasonable and beneficial use the quantity of Project Water to be made available to it pursuant to such renewal; (v) the Contractor is complying with all terms and conditions of this Contract; and (vi) the Contractor has the physical and legal ability to deliver Project Water.
- (3) The terms and conditions of the renewal contract described in subdivision (b)(1) of this Article and any subsequent renewal contracts shall be developed consistent with the parties' respective legal rights and obligations, and in consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances, as those circumstances exist at the time of renewal, including, without limitation, the Contractor's need for continued delivery of Project Water; environmental conditions affected by implementation of the Contract to be renewed, and specifically changes in those conditions that

occurred during the life of the Contract to be renewed; the Secretary's progress toward achieving the purposes of the CVPIA as set out in Section 3402 and in implementing the specific provisions of the CVPIA; and current and anticipated economic circumstances of the region served by the Contractor.

- (c) This Contract, insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of M&I Water to the Contractor, shall be renewed for successive periods of up to 40 years each, which periods shall be consistent with the then-existing Reclamation-wide policy, under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the parties and consistent with Federal and State law. The Contractor shall be afforded the opportunity to comment to the Contracting Officer on the proposed adoption and application of any revised policy applicable to the delivery of M&I Water that would limit the term of any subsequent renewal contract with the Contractor for the furnishing of M&I Water to less than 40 years.
- (d) The Contracting Officer shall make a determination ten years after the date of execution of this Contract, and every five years thereafter during the term of this Contract, of whether a conversion of the relevant portion of this Contract to a contract under subsection 9(d) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 can be accomplished pursuant to the Act of July 2, 1956 (70 Stat 483). The Contracting Officer shall also make a determination ten years after the date of execution of this Contract and every five years thereafter during the term of this Contract of whether a conversion of the relevant portion of this Contract to a contract under subsection 9(c)(1) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 can be accomplished. Notwithstanding any provision of this Contract, the Contractor reserves and shall have all rights and benefits under the Act of July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483). The Contracting Officer anticipates that during the term of this Contract, all authorized Project

construction expected to occur will have occurred, and on that basis the Contracting Officer agrees upon such completion to allocate all costs that are properly assignable to the Contractor, and agrees further that, at any time after such allocation is made, and subject to satisfaction of the condition set out in this subdivision, this Contract shall, at the request of the Contractor, be converted to a contract under subsection 9(d) or 9(c)(1), whichever is applicable, of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, subject to applicable Federal law and under stated terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the Contractor and the Contracting Officer. A condition for such conversion to occur shall be a determination by the Contracting Officer that, account being taken of the amount credited to return by the Contractor as provided for under Federal Reclamation law, the remaining amount of construction costs assignable for ultimate return by the Contractor can probably be repaid to the United States within the term of a contract under subsection 9(d) or 9(c)(1), whichever is applicable. If the remaining amount of costs that are properly assignable to the Contractor cannot be determined during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor, and provide the reason(s) why such a determination could not be made. Further, the Contracting Officer shall make such a determination as soon thereafter as possible so as to permit, upon request of the Contractor and satisfaction of the conditions set out above, conversion to a contract under subsection 9(d) or 9(c)(1), whichever is applicable. In the event such determination of costs has not been made at a time which allows conversion of this Contract during the term of this Contract or the Contractor has not requested conversion of this Contract within such term, the parties shall incorporate in any subsequent renewal contract as described in subdivision (b) of this Article a provision that carries forth in substantially identical terms the provisions of this subdivision.

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WATER TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED TO THE CONTRACTOR

- 3. (a) During each Year, consistent with all applicable State water rights, permits, and licenses, Federal law, and subject to the provisions set forth in Articles 11 and 12 of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall make available for delivery to the Contractor 35,300 acre-feet of Project Water for irrigation and M&I purposes. Water Delivered to the Contractor in accordance with this subdivision shall be scheduled and paid for pursuant to the provisions of Articles 4 and 7 of this Contract. Schedule 2 water shall continue to be delivered to the Contractor at no cost pursuant to Contract No. 14-06-200-700-A, dated December 23, 1963, and shall not be subject to the provisions of this Contract, and said Contract No. 14-06-200-700-A shall be in full force and effect insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of Schedule 2 water.
- constrained in recent years and may be constrained in the future due to many factors including hydrologic conditions and implementation of Federal and State laws, the likelihood of the Contractor actually receiving the amount of Project Water set out in subdivision (a) of this Article in any given Year is uncertain. The Contracting Officer's modeling referenced in the PEIS projected that the Contract Total set forth in this Contract will not be available to the Contractor in many years. During the most recent five years, the Recent Historic Average of Water Made Available to the Contractor was 23,227 acre-feet. Nothing in subdivision (b) of this Article shall affect the rights and obligations of the parties under any provision of this Contract.
- (c) The Contractor shall utilize the Project Water in accordance with all applicable legal requirements.

(c.1) In the event any Project Contractor (other than a Cross Valley Contractor) that receives Project Water through the Delta Division Facilities obtains a contractual agreement that the Contracting Officer shall make Project Water available at a point or points of delivery in or north of the Delta, at the request of the Contractor and upon completion of any required environmental documentation, this Contract shall be amended to provide for deliveries in or north of the Delta on mutually agreeable terms. Such amendments to the Contract shall be limited solely to those changes made necessary by the addition of such alternate points of delivery in or north of the Delta; <u>Provided</u>, That the Contracting Officer's use of the Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant to deliver Project Water does not trigger this right of amendment.

(d) The Contractor shall make reasonable and beneficial use of all water furnished pursuant to this Contract. Groundwater recharge programs (direct, indirect, or in lieu), groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted within the Contractor's Service Area which are consistent with applicable State law and result in use consistent with Federal Reclamation law will be allowed; Provided, That any direct recharge program(s) is (are) described in the Contractor's water conservation plan submitted pursuant to Article 26 of this Contract; Provided further. That such water conservation plan demonstrates sufficient lawful uses exist in the Contractor's Service Area so that using a long-term average, the quantity of Delivered Water is demonstrated to be reasonable for such uses and in compliance with Federal Reclamation law. Groundwater recharge programs, groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted outside the

Contractor's Service Area may be permitted upon written approval of the Contracting Officer, which approval will be based upon environmental documentation, Project Water rights, and Project operational concerns. The Contracting Officer will address such concerns in regulations, policies, or guidelines.

- (e) The Contractor shall comply with requirements applicable to the Contractor in biological opinion(s) prepared as a result of a consultation regarding the execution of this Contract undertaken pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, that are within the Contractor's legal authority to implement. The Contract No(s). 14-06-200-700-A, 14-06-200-700-A-IR1, and 14-06-200-700-A-IR2, which evidence in excess of 41 years of diversions for irrigation and/or M&I purposes of the quantities of water provided in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract, will be considered in developing an appropriate baseline for biological assessment(s) prepared pursuant to the ESA, and any other needed environmental review. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Contractor from challenging or seeking judicial relief in a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any biological opinion or other environmental documentation referred to in this Article.
- (f) Following the declaration of Water Made Available under Article 4 of this

 Contract, the Contracting Officer will make a determination whether Project Water, or other water

 available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractor in addition to the Contract Total under
 this Article during the Year without adversely impacting other Project Contractors. At the request of
 the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will consult with the Contractor prior to making such a
 determination. If the Contracting Officer determines that Project Water, or other water available to the

Project, can be made available to the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will announce the availability of such water and shall so notify the Contractor as soon as practical. The Contracting Officer will thereafter meet with the Contractor and other Project Contractors capable of taking such water to determine the most equitable and efficient allocation of such water. If the Contractor requests the delivery of any quantity of such water, the Contracting Officer shall make such water available to the Contractor in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies. Subject to existing long-term contractual commitments, water rights and operational constraints, long-term Project Contractors shall have a first right to acquire such water, including Project Water made available pursuant to Section 215 of the RRA.

- (g) The Contractor may request permission to reschedule for use during the subsequent Year some or all of the Water Made Available to the Contractor during the current Year, referred to as "rescheduled water." The Contractor may request permission to use during the current Year a quantity of Project Water which may be made available by the United States to the Contractor during the subsequent Year referred to as "preuse." The Contracting Officer's written approval may permit such uses in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies.
- (h) The Contractor's right pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and applicable

 State law to the reasonable and beneficial use of Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during the
 term thereof and any subsequent renewal contracts, as described in Article 2 of this Contract, during
 the terms thereof shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor shall fulfill all of its obligations
 under this Contract and any renewals thereof. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall affect the

9 Contracting Officer's ability to impose shortages under Article 11 or subdivision (b) of Article 12 of 330 this Contract or applicable provisions of any subsequent renewal contracts.

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- (i) Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract may be delivered for purposes other than those described in subdivisions (m) and (o) of Article 1 of this Contract upon written approval by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the terms and conditions of such approval.
- rights necessary for the Project and to provide the water available under this Contract. The Contracting Officer shall not object to participation by the Contractor, in the capacity and to the extent permitted by law, in administrative proceedings related to the Project Water rights; Provided.
 That the Contracting Officer retains the right to object to the substance of the Contractor's position in such a proceeding; Provided., further. That in such proceedings the Contracting Officer shall recognize the Contractor has a legal right under the terms of this Contract to use Project Water.

TIME FOR DELIVERY OF WATER

4. (a) On or about February 20 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall announce the Contracting Officer's expected declaration of the Water Made Available. Such declaration will be expressed in terms of both Water Made Available and the Recent Historic Average and will be updated monthly, and more frequently if necessary, based on then-current operational and hydrologic conditions and a new declaration with changes, if any, to the Water Made Available will be made. The Contracting Officer shall provide forecasts of Project operations and the basis of the estimate, with relevant supporting information, upon the written request of the

O Contractor. Concurrently with the declaration of the Water Made Available, the Contracting Officer

Shall provide the Contractor with the updated Recent Historic Average.

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- (b) On or before each March 1 and at such other times as necessary, the Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a written schedule, satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, showing the monthly quantities of Project Water to be delivered by the United States to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract for the Year commencing on such March 1. The Contracting Officer shall use all reasonable means to deliver Project Water according to the approved schedule for the Year commencing on such March 1.
- (c) The Contractor shall not schedule Project Water in excess of the quantity of Project Water the Contractor intends to put to reasonable and beneficial use within the Contractor's Service Area or to sell, transfer, or exchange pursuant to Article 9 of this Contract during any Year.
- (d) Subject to the conditions set forth in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract, the United States shall deliver Project Water to the Contractor in accordance with the initial schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to subdivision (b) of this Article, or any written revision(s) thereto, satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, submitted within a reasonable time prior to the date(s) on which the requested change(s) is/are to be implemented.

POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

5. (a) Project Water scheduled pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract shall be delivered to the Contractor from the Mendota Pool and any additional point or points of delivery either on Project facilities or another location or locations mutually agreed to in writing by the Contracting Officer and the Contractor.

(b) The Contracting Officer, either directly or indirectly through its written agreement(s) with the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), shall make all reasonable efforts to maintain sufficient flows and levels of water in Project facilities to deliver Project Water to the Contractor at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article.

- (c) The Contractor shall deliver Irrigation Water in accordance with any applicable land classification provisions of Federal Reclamation law and the associated regulations. The Contractor shall not deliver Project Water to land outside the Contractor's Service Area unless approved in advance by the Contracting Officer.
- (d) All Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be measured and recorded with equipment furnished, installed, operated, and maintained by the Contracting Officer either directly or indirectly through its written agreement(s) with the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), unless undertaken by the Contractor with the consent of the Contracting Officer, at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. Upon the request of either party to this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall investigate, or cause to be investigated by the appropriate Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), the accuracy of such measurements and shall take any necessary steps to adjust any errors appearing therein. For any period of time when accurate measurements have not been made, the Contracting Officer shall consult with the Contractor and the appropriate Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), if any, prior to making a final determination of the quantity delivered for that period of time.
- (e) Absent a separate contrary written agreement with the Contractor, neither the Contracting Officer nor any Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) shall be responsible for the control,

carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract beyond the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. The Contractor shall indemnify the United States, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns on account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever for which there is legal responsibility, including property damage, personal injury, or death arising out of or connected with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of such Water Delivered beyond such point or points of delivery except for any damage or claim arising out of: (i) acts or omissions of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, including the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), with the intent of creating the situation resulting in any damage or claim; (ii) willful misconduct of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, including the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies); (iii) negligence of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, including the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies); or (iv) a malfunction of facilities owned and/or operated by the United States or the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies).

MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA

6. (a) The Contractor has established a measuring program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall ensure that all surface water delivered for irrigation purposes within the Contractor's Service Area is measured at each agricultural turnout and such water delivered for M&I purposes is measured at each M&I service connection. The water measuring devices or water measuring methods of comparable effectiveness must be acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for installing, operating, and maintaining

and repairing all such measuring devices and implementing all such water measuring methods at no cost to the United States. The Contractor shall use the information obtained from such water measuring devices or water measuring methods to ensure its proper management of the water, to bill water users for water delivered by the Contractor; and, if applicable, to record water delivered for M&I purposes by customer class as defined in the Contractor's water conservation plan provided for in Article 26 of this Contract. Nothing herein contained, however, shall preclude the Contractor from establishing and collecting any charges, assessments, or other revenues authorized by California law. The Contractor shall include a summary of all its annual surface water deliveries in the annual report described in subdivision (c) of Article 26.

(b) To the extent the information has not otherwise been provided, upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall provide to the Contracting Officer a written report describing the measurement devices or water measuring methods being used or to be used to implement subdivision (a) of this Article and identifying the agricultural turnouts and the M&I service connections or alternative measurement programs approved by the Contracting Officer, at which such measurement devices or water measuring methods are being used, and, if applicable, identifying the locations at which such devices and/or methods are not yet being used including a time schedule for implementation at such locations. The Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractor in writing within 60 days as to the adequacy, and necessary modifications, if any, of the measuring devices or water measuring methods identified in the Contractor's report and if the Contracting Officer does not respond in such time, they shall be deemed adequate. If the Contracting Officer notifies the Contractor that the measuring devices or methods are inadequate, the parties shall within 60 days

- following the Contracting Officer's response, negotiate in good faith the earliest practicable date by
 which the Contractor shall modify said measuring devices and/or measuring methods as required by
 the Contracting Officer to ensure compliance with subdivision (a) of this Article.
 - (c) All new surface water delivery systems installed within the Contractor's Service Area after the effective date of this Contract shall also comply with the measurement provisions described in subdivision (a) of this Article.

- (d) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the State of California in writing by April 30 of each Year of the monthly volume of surface water delivered within the Contractor's Service Area during the previous Year.
- (e) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the Operating

 Non-Federal Entity on or before the 20th calendar day of each month of the quantity of Irrigation

 Water and M&I Water taken during the preceding month.

RATES AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER

7. (a) The Contractor shall pay the United States as provided in this Article for all Delivered Water at Rates, Charges, and the Tiered Pricing Component established in accordance with: (i) the Secretary's ratesetting policy for Irrigation Water adopted in 1988 and the Secretary's then-existing ratesetting policy for M&I Water, which ratesetting policies shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure; (ii) applicable Federal Reclamation law and associated rules and regulations, or policies; and (iii) other applicable provisions of this Contract. Payments shall be made by cash transaction, electronic funds transfer, or any other mechanism as may be agreed to in writing by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer.

The Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component applicable to the Contractor upon execution of this Contract are set forth in Exhibit "B," as may be revised annually.

- (b) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor of the Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component as follows:
- provide the Contractor an estimate of the Charges for Project Water that will be applied to the period October 1, of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and the basis for such estimate. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such estimates. On or before September 15 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Charges to be in effect during the period October 1 of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B."
 - (2) Prior to October 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall make available to the Contractor an estimate of the Rates and Tiered Pricing Component for Project Water for the following Year and the computations and cost allocations upon which those Rates are based. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such computations and cost allocations. By December 31 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor with the final Rates and Tiered Pricing Component to be in effect for the upcoming Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B."
 - (c) At the time the Contractor submits the initial schedule for the delivery of

 Project Water for each Year pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract, the Contractor

shall make an advance payment to the United States equal to the total amount payable pursuant to the applicable Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Project Water scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this Contract during the first two calendar months of the Year. Before the end of the first month and before the end of each calendar month thereafter, the Contractor shall make an advance payment to the United States, at the Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Water Scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this Contract during the second month immediately following. Adjustments between advance payments for Water Scheduled and payments at Rates due for Water Delivered shall be made before the end of the following month; Provided, That any revised schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to Article 4 of this Contract which increases the amount of Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during any month shall be accompanied with appropriate advance payment, at the Rates then in effect, to assure that Project Water is not delivered to the Contractor in advance of such payment. In any month in which the quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract equals the quantity of Water Scheduled and paid for by the Contractor, no additional Project Water shall be delivered to the Contractor unless and until an advance payment at the Rates then in effect for such additional Project Water is made. Final adjustment between the advance payments for the Water Scheduled and payments for the quantities of Water Delivered during each Year pursuant to this Contract shall be made as soon as practicable but no later than April 30th of the following Year, or 60 days after the delivery of Project Water rescheduled under subdivision (g) of Article 3 of this Contract if such water is not delivered by the last day of February.

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subdivision (c) of this Article to the United States for Water Delivered, at the Charges and the appropriate Tiered Pricing Component then in effect, before the end of the month following the month of delivery; Provided, That the Contractor may be granted an exception from the Tiered Pricing Component pursuant to subdivision (j)(2) of this Article. The payments shall be consistent with the quantities of Irrigation Water and M&I Water Delivered as shown in the water delivery report for the subject month prepared by the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) or, if there is no Operating Non-Federal Entity, by the Contracting Officer. The water delivery report shall be deemed a bill for the payment of Charges and the applicable Tiered Pricing Component for Water Delivered. Adjustment for overpayment or underpayment of Charges shall be made through the adjustment of payments due to the United States for Charges for the next month. Any amount to be paid for past due payment of Charges and the Tiered Pricing Component shall be computed pursuant to Article 20 of this Contract.

- (e) The Contractor shall pay for any Water Delivered under subdivision (a), (f), or (g) of Article 3 of this Contract as determined by the Contracting Officer pursuant to applicable statutes, associated regulations, any applicable provisions of guidelines or ratesetting policies;

 Provided, That the Rate for Water Delivered under subdivision (f) of Article 3 of this Contract shall be no more than the otherwise applicable Rate for Irrigation Water or M&I Water under subdivision (a) of this Article.
- (f) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this Contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor.

(g) All revenues received by the United States from the Contractor relating to the delivery of Project Water or the delivery of non-Project water through Project facilities shall be allocated and applied in accordance with Federal Reclamation law and the associated rules or regulations, and the then-current Project ratesetting policies for M&I Water or Irrigation Water.

- (h) The Contracting Officer shall keep its accounts pertaining to the administration of the financial terms and conditions of its long-term contracts, in accordance with applicable Federal standards, so as to reflect the application of Project costs and revenues. The Contracting Officer shall, each Year upon request of the Contractor, provide to the Contractor a detailed accounting of all Project and Contractor expense allocations, the disposition of all Project and Contractor revenues, and a summary of all water delivery information. The Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or disputes relating to accountings, reports, or information.
- (i) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this Contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated that mechanisms, policies, and procedures used for establishing Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component, and/or for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article may be in the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into agreements to modify the mechanisms, policies, and procedures for any of those purposes while this Contract is in effect without amending this Contract.
- (j) (1) Beginning at such time as deliveries of Project Water in a Year exceed 80 percent of the Contract Total, then before the end of the month following the month of delivery the

Contractor shall make an additional payment to the United States equal to the applicable Tiered Pricing Component. The Tiered Pricing Component for the amount of Water Delivered in excess of 80 percent of the Contract Total, but less than or equal to 90 percent of the Contract Total, shall equal one-half of the difference between the Rate established under subdivision (a) of this Article and the Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate or M&I Full Cost Water Rate, whichever is applicable. The Tiered Pricing Component for the amount of Water Delivered which exceeds 90 percent of the Contract Total shall equal the difference between (i) the Rate established under subdivision (a) of this Article and (ii) the Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate or M&I Full Cost Water Rate, whichever is applicable. For all Water Delivered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract which is in excess of 80 percent of the Contract Total, this increment shall be deemed to be divided between Irrigation Water and M&I Water in the same proportion as actual deliveries of each bear to the cumulative total Water Delivered.

- (2) Subject to the Contracting Officer's written approval, the Contractor may request and receive an exemption from such Tiered Pricing Component for Project Water delivered to produce a crop which the Contracting Officer determines will provide significant and quantifiable habitat values for waterfowl in fields where the water is used and the crops are produced; Provided, That the exemption from the Tiered Pricing Component for Irrigation Water shall apply only if such habitat values can be assured consistent with the purposes of the CVPIA through binding agreements executed with or approved by the Contracting Officer prior to use of such water.
- (3) For purposes of determining the applicability of the Tiered Pricing

 Component pursuant to this Article, Water Delivered shall include Project Water that the Contractor

transfers to others but shall not include Project Water transferred to the Contractor, nor shall it include the additional water provided to the Contractor under the provisions of subdivision (f) of Article 3 of this Contract.

- (k) For the term of this Contract, Rates applied under the respective ratesetting policies will be established to recover only reimbursable O&M (including any deficits) and capital costs of the Project, as those terms are used in the then-current Project ratesetting policies, and interest, where appropriate, except in instances where a minimum Rate is applicable in accordance with the relevant Project ratesetting policy. Changes of significance in practices which implement the Contracting Officer's ratesetting policies will not be implemented until the Contracting Officer has provided the Contractor an opportunity to discuss the nature, need, and impact of the proposed change.
- (1) Except as provided in subsections 3405(a)(1)(B) and 3405(f) of the CVPIA, the Rates for Project Water transferred by the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Rates, in accordance with the applicable Project ratesetting policy, adjusted upward or downward to reflect the changed costs, if any, incurred by the Contracting Officer in the delivery of the transferred Project Water to the transferee's point of delivery in accordance with the then applicable Project ratesetting policy. If the Contractor is receiving lower Rates and Charges because of inability to pay and is transferring Project Water to another entity whose Rates and Charges are not adjusted due to inability to pay, the Rates and Charges for transferred Project Water shall not be adjusted to reflect the Contractor's inability to pay.

	(m)	Pursuant to the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), the Contracting
Officer is auth	orized	to adjust determinations of ability to pay every five years.

(n) Omitted.

NON-INTEREST BEARING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DEFICITS

8. The Contractor and the Contracting Officer concur that, as of the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor has no non-interest bearing O&M deficits and shall have no further liability therefor.

SALES, TRANSFERS, OR EXCHANGES OF WATER

- 9. (a) The right to receive Project Water provided for in this Contract may be sold, transferred, or exchanged to others for reasonable and beneficial uses within the State of California if such sale, transfer, or exchange is authorized by applicable Federal and State laws, and applicable guidelines or regulations then in effect. No sale, transfer, or exchange of Project Water under this Contract may take place without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer, except as provided for in subdivision (b) of this Article, and no such sales, transfers, or exchanges shall be approved absent all appropriate environmental documentation, including but not limited to, documents prepared pursuant to the NEPA and ESA. Such environmental documentation should include, as appropriate, an analysis of groundwater impacts and economic and social effects, including environmental justice, of the proposed water transfers on both the transferor and transferee.
- (b) In order to facilitate efficient water management by means of water transfers of the type historically carried out among Project Contractors located within the same geographical area and to allow the Contractor to participate in an accelerated water transfer program during the term of

this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall prepare, as appropriate, all necessary environmental documentation, including but not limited to documents prepared pursuant to NEPA and ESA, analyzing annual transfers within such geographical areas and the Contracting Officer shall determine whether such transfers comply with applicable law. Following the completion of the environmental documentation, such transfers addressed in such documentation shall be conducted with advance notice to the Contracting Officer, but shall not require prior written approval by the Contracting Officer. Such environmental documentation and the Contracting Officer's compliance determination shall be reviewed every five years and updated, as necessary, prior to the expiration of the then existing five-year period. All subsequent environmental documentation shall include an alternative to evaluate not less than the quantity of Project Water historically transferred within the same geographical area.

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(c) For a water transfer to qualify under subdivision (b) of this Article, such water transfer must: (i) be for irrigation purposes for lands irrigated within the previous three years, for M&I use, groundwater recharge, groundwater banking, or similar groundwater activities, surface water storage, or fish and wildlife resources; not lead to land conversion; and be delivered to established cropland, wildlife refuges, groundwater basins or M&I use; (ii) occur within a single Year; (iii) occur between a willing seller and a willing buyer; (iv) convey water through existing facilities with no new construction or modifications to facilities and be between existing Project Contractors and/or the Contractor and the United States, Department of the Interior; and (v) comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local or tribal laws and requirements imposed for protection of the environment and Indian Trust Assets, as defined under Federal law.

APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

- 10. (a) The amount of any overpayment by the Contractor of the Contractor's O&M, capital, and deficit (if any) obligations for the Year shall be applied first to any current liabilities of the Contractor arising out of this Contract then due and payable. Overpayments of more than \$1,000 shall be refunded at the Contractor's request. In lieu of a refund, any amount of such overpayment at the option of the Contractor, may be credited against amounts to become due to the United States by the Contractor. With respect to overpayment, such refund or adjustment shall constitute the sole remedy of the Contractor or anyone having or claiming to have the right to the use of any of the Project Water supply provided for herein. All credits and refunds of overpayments shall be made within 30 days of the Contracting Officer obtaining direction as to how to credit or refund such overpayment in response to the notice to the Contractor that it has finalized the accounts for the Year in which the overpayment was made.
- (b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the Contractor pursuant to Article 25 of this Contract shall be adjusted to reflect the actual costs when the work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual costs incurred, the difference will be refunded to the Contractor. If the actual costs exceed the Contractor's advances, the Contractor will be billed for the additional costs pursuant to Article 25.

TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS--RETURN FLOWS

11. (a) Subject to: (i) the authorized purposes and priorities of the Project and the requirements of Federal law and (ii) the obligations of the United States under existing contracts, or renewals thereof, providing for water deliveries from the Project, the Contracting Officer shall make

- all reasonable efforts to optimize Project Water deliveries to the Contractor as provided in this
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- 644 (b) The Contracting Officer or Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) may temporarily 645 discontinue or reduce the quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractor as herein provided for the purposes of investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any of the Project 646 facilities or any part thereof necessary for the delivery of Project Water to the Contractor, but so far as 647 648 feasible the Contracting Officer or Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) will give the Contractor due 649 notice in advance of such temporary discontinuance or reduction, except in case of emergency, in 650 which case no notice need be given; Provided, That the United States shall use its best efforts to avoid 651 any discontinuance or reduction in such service. Upon resumption of service after such reduction or 652 discontinuance, and if requested by the Contractor, the United States will, if possible, deliver the 3 quantity of Project Water which would have been delivered hereunder in the absence of such 654 discontinuance or reduction.
 - derived from Water Delivered to the Contractor hereunder which escapes or is discharged beyond the Contractor's Service Area; Provided, That this shall not be construed as claiming for the United States any right to seepage or return flow being put to reasonable and beneficial use pursuant to this Contract within the Contractor's Service Area by the Contractor or those claiming by, through, or under the Contractor.

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CONSTRAINTS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER

- 12. (a) In its operation of the Project, the Contracting Officer will use all reasonable means to guard against a Condition of Shortage in the quantity of water to be made available to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract. In the event the Contracting Officer determines that a Condition of Shortage appears probable, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of said determination as soon as practicable.
- (b) If there is a Condition of Shortage because of errors in physical operations of the Project, drought, other physical causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer or actions taken by the Contracting Officer to meet legal obligations then, except as provided in subdivision (a) of Article 18 of this Contract, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom.
- (c) In any Year in which there may occur a Condition of Shortage for any of the reasons specified in subdivision (b) of this Article, and subject to subdivision (d) of this Article, the Contracting Officer will first allocate the available Project Water consistent with the draft CVP M&I Water Shortage Policy on the effective date of this Contract as finally adopted after environmental review for determining the amount of Project Water available for delivery to the Project Contractors. Subject to the foregoing allocation, in any year in which there may occur a Condition of Shortage, the Contracting Officer shall then apportion Project Water among the Contractor and others entitled to Project Water from Delta Division Facilities under long-term water service or repayment contracts (or renewals thereof or binding commitments therefor) in force on February 28, 2005, as follows:

(1) The Contracting Officer shall make an initial and subsequent	
determination as necessary of the total quantity of Project Water estimated to be scheduled or actual	ly
scheduled under subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract and under all other long-term water	
service or repayment contracts then in force for the delivery of Project Water by the United States	
from Delta Division Facilities during the relevant Year, the quantity so determined being hereinafter	•
referred to as the scheduled total;	

- (2) A determination shall be made of the total quantity of Project Water that is available for meeting the scheduled total, the quantity so determined being hereinafter referred to as the available supply;
- (3) The total quantity of Project Water estimated to be scheduled or actually scheduled by the Contractor during the relevant Year, under subdivision (b) of Article 4 hereof, shall be divided by the scheduled total, the quotient thus obtained being hereinafter referred to as the Contractor's proportionate share; and
- (4) The available supply shall be multiplied by the Contractor's proportionate share and the result shall be the quantity of Project Water made available by the United States to the Contractor for the relevant Year in accordance with the schedule developed by the Contracting Officer under subdivision (c)(1) of this Article, but in no event shall such amount exceed the Contract Total. In the event the Contracting Officer subsequently determines that the Contracting Officer can increase or needs to decrease the available supply for delivery from Delta Division Facilities to long-term water service and repayment Contractors during the relevant Year, such

additions or reductions to the available supply shall be apportioned consistent with subparagraphs (1) through (4), inclusive.

(d) By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive any legal rights or remedies it may have to file or participate in any administrative or judicial proceeding contesting (i) the sufficiency of the Central Valley Project M&I Water Shortage Policy; (ii) the substance of such a policy; (iii) the applicability of such a policy; or (iv) the manner in which such policy is implemented in order to allocate Project Water between municipal and industrial and irrigation purposes; Provided. That the Contractor has commenced any such judicial challenge or any administrative procedures necessary to institute any judicial challenge within six months of the policy becoming final. By agreeing to the foregoing, the Contracting Officer does not waive any legal defenses or remedies that it may have to assert in such a proceeding. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to validate or invalidate the Central Valley Project M&I Water Shortage Policy.

UNAVOIDABLE GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION

13. To the extent applicable, the Contractor shall not be deemed to have delivered Irrigation Water to Excess Lands or Ineligible Lands within the meaning of this Contract if such lands are irrigated with groundwater that reaches the underground strata as an unavoidable result of the delivery of Irrigation Water by the Contractor to Eligible Lands.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

14. The parties agree that the delivery of Irrigation Water or use of Federal facilities pursuant to this Contract is subject to Federal Reclamation law, including but not limited to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C.390aa et seq.), as amended and supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Federal Reclamation law.

EXHIBIT B JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Water Rates and Charges

CONTRACT NO. 14-06-200-700-A-LTR1	2005 Rates Per Acre-Foot	
COST-OF-SERVICE (COS) RATES: Capital Rates:	Irrigation Water DMC \$11.40	M&I Water
O&M Rates: Water Marketing Storage Conveyance Direct Pumping (Project Use Energy) Tracy Pumping San Luis Drain	\$6.61 \$5.93 *	
Deficit Rates: Non-Interest Bearing Interest Bearing	\$0.07	
CFO/PFR Adjustment Rate	\$1.05	
TOTAL COST-OF-SERVICE RATES (COS):	\$25.06	
M&I FULL-COST RATE:		
Tiered Pricing Component >80% <=90% of Contract Total [Full Cost Rate - COS Rate /2]:	\$6.32	
Tiered Pricing Component >90% of Contract Total [Full Cost Rate - COS Rate]:	\$12.63	
FULL-COST RATES: Section 202(3) Rate is applicable to a Qualified Recipient or to a Limited Recipient receiving irrigation water on or before October 1, 1981.	\$37.69	
205 FULL-COST RATES: Section 205(a)(3) Rate is applicable to a Qualified Recipient or to a Limited Recipient that did not receive irrigation water on or before October 1, 1981.	\$44.78	
SURCHARGES UNDER P.L. 102-575 TO RESTORATION FUND**	\$7.93	

^{*} Conveyance and Conveyance Pumping Operation and maintenance costs were removed for ratesetting purposes and are to be billed directly to the water authorities.

Recent Historic Use as defined in the CVP M&I Water Storage Policy is 23,227 acre-feet.

^{**} The surcharges are payments in addition to the water rates and were determined pursuant to Title XXXIV of Public Law 102-575. Restoration fund surcharges under P.L. 102-575 are on a fiscal year basis (10/1-9/30).

WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

15. The Contractor, in carrying out this Contract, shall comply with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California, and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities.

QUALITY OF WATER

- 16. (a) Project facilities used to deliver Project Water to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be operated and maintained to enable the United States to deliver Project Water to the Contractor in accordance with the water quality standards specified in subsection 2(b) of the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 865), as added by Section 101 of the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050) or other existing Federal laws. The United States is under no obligation to construct or furnish water treatment facilities to maintain or to improve the quality of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The United States does not warrant the quality of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract. None of the foregoing affects or modifies the obligations of the United States under Contract No. 14-06-200-700-A, dated December 23, 1963, with respect to Schedule 2 water, including but not limited to, Article 10 of said contract.
- (b) The O&M of Project facilities shall be performed in such manner as is practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through such facilities at the highest level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with all State and Federal water quality standards applicable to surface and subsurface agricultural drainage discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractor facilities or Project Water provided by the Contractor within the Contractor's Service Area.

WATER ACQUIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

- than from the United States and Irrigation Water furnished pursuant to the terms of this Contract may be simultaneously transported through the same distribution facilities of the Contractor subject to the following: (i) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation Water and non-Project water were constructed without funds made available pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, the provisions of Federal Reclamation law will be applicable only to the Landholders of lands which receive Irrigation Water; (ii) the eligibility of land to receive Irrigation Water must be established through the certification requirements as specified in the Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations (43 CFR Part 426); (iii) the water requirements of Eligible Lands within the Contractor's Service Area can be established and the quantity of Irrigation Water to be utilized is less than or equal to the quantity necessary to irrigate such Eligible Lands. The Contractor and the Contracting Officer concur that, as of the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor has a distribution system that was constructed without the use of Federally financed funds.
- (b) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor, other than from the United States may be stored, conveyed and/or diverted through Project facilities, subject to the completion of appropriate environmental documentation, with the approval of the Contracting Officer and the execution of any contract determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary, consistent with the following provisions:

(1) The Contractor may introduce non-Project water into Project facilities and deliver said water to lands within the Contractor's Service Area, including Ineligible Lands, subject to payment to the United States and/or to any applicable Operating Non-Federal Entity of an appropriate rate as determined by the applicable Project ratesetting policy, the RRA, and the Project use power policy, if such Project use power policy is applicable, each as amended, modified, or superseded from time to time.

- (2) Delivery of such non-Project water in and through Project facilities shall only be allowed to the extent such deliveries do not: (i) interfere with other Project purposes as determined by the Contracting Officer; (ii) reduce the quantity or quality of water available to other Project Contractors; (iii) interfere with the delivery of contractual water entitlements to any other Project Contractors; or (iv) interfere with the physical maintenance of the Project facilities.
- shall be responsible for control, care or distribution of the non-Project water before it is introduced into or after it is delivered from the Project facilities. The Contractor hereby releases and agrees to defend and indemnify the United States and the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), and their respective officers, agents, and employees, from any claim for damage to persons or property, direct or indirect, resulting from the act(s) of the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, in (i) extracting or diverting non-Project water from any source, or (ii) diverting such non-Project water into Project facilities.

(4) Diversion of such non-Project water into Project facilities shall be consistent with all applicable laws, and if involving groundwater, consistent with any applicable groundwater management plan for the area from which it was extracted.

Officer, the United States and Project Contractors entitled to Project Water from Delta Division

Facilities shall share priority to utilize the remaining capacity of the facilities declared to be available by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and transportation of non-Project water prior to any such remaining capacity being made available to non-Project contractors. Other Project Contractors shall have a second priority to any remaining capacity of facilities declared to be available by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and transportation of non-Project water prior to any such remaining capacity being made available to non-Project contractors.

OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

opinion or determination of either party to this Contract, said terms shall not be construed as permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, expressly reserve the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment for any such arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be provided in a timely manner. Nothing in this subdivision (a) of this Article is intended to or shall affect or alter the standard of judicial review applicable under Federal law to any opinion or determination implementing a specific provision of Federal law embodied in statute or regulation.

(b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this Contract that are consistent with the provisions of this Contract, the laws of the United States and of the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to the extent reasonably practicable.

COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

- 19. (a) In order to further their mutual goals and objectives, the Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with each other, and with other affected Project Contractors, in order to improve the operation and management of the Project. The communication, coordination, and cooperation regarding operations and management shall include, but not be limited to, any action which will or may materially affect the quantity or quality of Project Water supply, the allocation of Project Water supply, and Project financial matters including, but not limited to, budget issues. The communication, coordination, and cooperation provided for hereunder shall extend to all provisions of this Contract. Each party shall retain exclusive decision making authority for all actions, opinions, and determinations to be made by the respective party.
- (b) Within 120 days following the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor, other affected Project Contractors, and the Contracting Officer shall arrange to meet with interested Project Contractors to develop a mutually agreeable, written Project-wide process, which may be amended as necessary separate and apart from this Contract. The goal of this process shall be to provide, to the extent practicable, the means of mutual communication and interaction regarding significant decisions concerning Project operation and management on a real-time basis.

`5	(c) In light of the factors referred to in subdivision (b) of Article 3 of this Contract,
826	it is the intent of the Secretary to improve water supply reliability. To carry out this intent:
827	(1) The Contracting Officer will, at the request of the Contractor, assist in
828	the development of integrated resource management plans for the Contractor. Further, the
829	Contracting Officer will, as appropriate, seek authorizations for implementation of partnerships to
830	improve water supply, water quality, and reliability.
831	(2) The Secretary will, as appropriate, pursue program and project
832	implementation and authorization in coordination with Project Contractors to improve the water
833	supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project purposes.
834	(3) The Secretary will coordinate with Project Contractors and the State of
835	California to seek improved water resource management.
6	(4) The Secretary will coordinate actions of agencies within the
837	Department of the Interior that may impact the availability of water for Project purposes.
838	(5) The Contracting Officer shall periodically, but not less than annually,
839	hold division level meetings to discuss Project operations, division level water management activities,
840	and other issues as appropriate.
841	(d) Without limiting the contractual obligations of the Contracting Officer under
842	the other Articles of this Contract, nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or constrain the
843	Contracting Officer's ability to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with the Contractor or other
844	interested stakeholders or to make decisions in a timely fashion as needed to protect health, safety, or
845	the physical integrity of structures or facilities.

CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

20. (a) The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative and penalty charges
on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the due date, the
Contractor shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date.
When a payment becomes sixty (60) days delinquent, the Contractor shall pay an administrative
charge to cover additional costs of billing and processing the delinquent payment. When a payment is
delinquent ninety (90) days or more, the Contractor shall pay an additional penalty charge of six (6%)
percent per year for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. Further, the Contractor
shall pay any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.

- (b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the interest rate of one-half of one (0.5%) percent per month prescribed by Section 6 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.
- (c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third to the accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- 21. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
- (a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of payment or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (c) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the

- Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and 0 shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for ა 61 employment. 882 The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 883 (d) No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of 884 the Secretary of Labor. 885 The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by said 886 amended Executive Order and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or 887 pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Contracting Officer 888 and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, 889 regulations, and orders. 890 In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination 891 clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be 892 canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible 893 for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in said amended 894 Executive Order, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in said 895 Executive Order, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided 896 897 by law. The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) in 3 (g) every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the 899 Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of said amended Executive Order, so that such 900 provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action 901 with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a 902 means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, 903 That in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a 904 subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to 905 enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States. 906 GENERAL OBLIGATION-BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT 907 The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided in this 908 22. Contract is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation 909
 - (b) The payment of charges becoming due hereunder is a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this Contract. The United States shall not make water available to the Contractor through Project facilities during any period in which the Contractor may be in arrears in

water users in their obligations to the Contractor.

may be distributed among the Contractor's water users and notwithstanding the default of individual

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5 916 917	the advance payment of water rates due the United States. The Contractor shall not furnish water made available pursuant to this Contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates levied or established by the Contractor.
918	(c) With respect to subdivision (b) of this Article, the Contractor shall have no
919	obligation to require advance payment for water rates which it levies.
920	COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS
921 922 923 924 925	23. (a) The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-112, as amended), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.) and any other applicable civil rights laws, as well as with their respective implementing regulations and guidelines imposed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.
926 927 928 929 930	(b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. By executing this Contract, the Contractor agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to implement this obligation, including permitting officials of the United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.
932 933 934 935 936 937 938	(c) The Contractor makes this agreement in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractor by the Bureau of Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Article, and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement thereof.
939	PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE
940 941 942 943 944	24. (a) The Contractor shall comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) (the Act) and the Department of the Interior rules and regulations under the Act (43 CFR 2.45 et seq.) in maintaining Landholder acreage certification and reporting records, required to be submitted to the Contractor for compliance with Sections 206 and 228 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1266), and pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18.
945 946 947	(b) With respect to the application and administration of the criminal penalty provisions of the Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)), the Contractor and the Contractor's employees responsible

- for maintaining the certification and reporting records referenced in (a) above are considered to be employees of the Department of the Interior. See 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
- 950 (c) The Contracting Officer or a designated representative shall provide the
 951 Contractor with current copies of the Interior Department Privacy Act regulations and the Bureau of
 952 Reclamation Federal Register Privacy Act System of Records Notice (Acreage Limitation--Interior,
 953 Reclamation-31) which govern the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of information
 954 contained in the Landholder's certification and reporting records.

- (d) The Contracting Officer shall designate a full-time employee of the Bureau of Reclamation to be the System Manager who shall be responsible for making decisions on denials pursuant to 43 CFR 2.61 and 2.64 amendment requests pursuant to 43 CFR 2.72. The Contractor is authorized to grant requests by individuals for access to their own records.
 - (e) The Contractor shall forward promptly to the System Manager each proposed denial of access under 43 CFR 2.64; and each request for amendment of records filed under 43 CFR 2.71; notify the requester accordingly of such referral; and provide the System Manager with information and records necessary to prepare an appropriate response to the requester. These requirements do not apply to individuals seeking access to their own certification and reporting forms filed with the Contractor pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18, unless the requester elects to cite the Privacy Act as a basis for the request.

CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

25. In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, within 60 days after receipt of a bill and detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Contractor for such specific items of direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Contractor associated with this Contract plus indirect costs in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policies and procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article shall not exceed the amount agreed to in writing in advance by the Contractor. This Article shall not apply to costs for routine contract administration.

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WATER CONSERVATION

- Prior to the delivery of water provided from or conveyed through Federally 26. (a) constructed or Federally financed facilities pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall be implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the Contractor's water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet the conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law. The water conservation and efficiency program shall contain definite water conservation objectives, appropriate economically feasible water conservation measures, and time schedules for meeting those objectives. Continued Project Water delivery pursuant to this Contract shall be contingent upon the Contractor's continued implementation of such water conservation program. In the event the Contractor's water conservation plan or any revised water conservation plan completed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Article 26 of this Contract have not yet been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet such criteria, due to circumstances which the Contracting Officer determines are beyond the control of the Contractor, water deliveries shall be made under this Contract so long as the Contractor diligently works with the Contracting Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest practicable date, and thereafter the Contractor immediately begins implementing its water conservation and efficiency program in accordance with the time schedules therein.
- (b) Should the amount of M&I Water delivered pursuant to subdivision (a) of

 Article 3 of this Contract equal or exceed 2,000 acre-feet per Year, the Contractor shall implement the

 Best Management Practices identified by the time frames issued by the California Urban Water

Conservation Council for such M&I Water unless any such practice is determined by the Contracting
 Officer to be inappropriate for the Contractor.

- (c) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a report on the status of its implementation of the water conservation plan on the reporting dates specified in the then-existing conservation and efficiency criteria established under Federal law.
- (d) At five-year intervals, the Contractor shall revise its water conservation plan to reflect the then-current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law and submit such revised water management plan to the Contracting Officer for review and evaluation. The Contracting Officer will then determine if the water conservation plan meets Reclamation's then-current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law.
- δ (e) If the Contractor is engaged in direct groundwater recharge, such activity shall
 be described in the Contractor's water conservation plan.

EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

27. Except as specifically provided in Article 17 of this Contract, the provisions of this Contract shall not be applicable to or affect non-Project water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor or any user of such water within the Contractor's Service Area. Any such water shall not be considered Project Water under this Contract. In addition, this Contract shall not be construed as limiting or curtailing any rights which the Contractor or any water user within the Contractor's Service Area acquires or has available under any other contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY

- 28. (a) The O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor, and responsibility for funding a portion of the costs of such O&M, have been transferred to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, an Operating Non-Federal Entity by separate agreement (8-07-20-X0354) between the United States and the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority. That separate agreement shall not interfere with or affect the rights or obligations of the Contractor or the United States hereunder.
- the Operation and Maintenance of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor has been transferred to the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and therefore, the Contractor shall pay directly to the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or to any successor approved by the Contracting Officer under the terms and conditions of the separate agreement between the United States and the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority described in subdivision (a) of this Article, all rates, charges, or assessments of any kind, including any assessment for reserve funds, which the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority or such successor determines, sets, or establishes for the O&M of the portion of the Project facilities operated and maintained by the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority or such successor. Such direct payments to the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority or such successor shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to pay directly to

the United States the Contractor's share of the Project Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component except to the extent the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority collects payments on behalf of the United States in accordance with the separate agreement identified in subdivision (a) of this Article.

- (c) For so long as the O&M of any portion of the Project facilities serving the Contractor is performed by the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or any successor thereto, the Contracting Officer shall adjust those components of the Rates for Water Delivered under this Contract representing the cost associated with the activity being performed by the Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority or its successor.
- Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority is re-assumed by the United States during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractor, in writing, and present to the Contractor a revised Exhibit "B" which shall include the portion of the Rates to be paid by the Contractor for Project Water under this Contract representing the O&M costs of the portion of such Project facilities which have been re-assumed. The Contractor shall, thereafter, in the absence of written notification from the Contracting Officer to the contrary, pay the Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component specified in the revised Exhibit "B" directly to the United States in compliance with Article 7 of this Contract.

CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

29. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the United States under this Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds.

9 1060 1061	Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligations under this Contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated or allotted.
1062	BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS
1063	30. (a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and
1064	records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including: the
1065	Contractor's financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way agreements;
1066	the water users' land-use (crop census), land ownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other
1067	matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the
1068	Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require.
1069	Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Contract shall have the right
1070	during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records relating to
1071	matters covered by this Contract.
1072	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a) of this Article, no books,
1073	records, or other information shall be requested from the Contractor by the Contracting Officer unless
1074	such books, records, or information are reasonably related to the administration or performance of
5	this Contract. Any such request shall allow the Contractor a reasonable period of time within which
1076	to provide the requested books, records, or information.
1077	(c) At such time as the Contractor provides information to the Contracting Officer
1078	pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article, a copy of such information shall be provided to the
1079	Operating Non-Federal Entity.
1080	ASSIGNMENT LIMITEDSUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED
1081 1082 1083	31. (a) The provisions of this Contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this Contract or any right or interest therein shall be valid until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(b) The assignment of any right or interest in this Contract by either party shall not interfere with the rights or obligations of the other party to this Contract absent the written concurrence of said other party.

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(c) The Contracting Officer shall not unreasonably condition or withhold approval of any proposed assignment.

SEVERABILITY

In the event that a person or entity who is neither (i) a party to a Project contract, nor 32. (ii) a person or entity that receives Project Water from a party to a Project contract, nor (iii) an association or other form of organization whose primary function is to represent parties to Project contracts, brings an action in a court of competent jurisdiction challenging the legality or enforceability of a provision included in this Contract and said person, entity, association, or organization obtains a final court decision holding that such provision is legally invalid or unenforceable and the Contractor has not intervened in that lawsuit in support of the plaintiff(s), the parties to this Contract shall use their best efforts to (i) within 30 days of the date of such final court decision identify by mutual agreement the provisions in this Contract which must be revised and (ii) within three months thereafter promptly agree on the appropriate revision(s). The time periods specified above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Pending the completion of the actions designated above, to the extent it can do so without violating any applicable provisions of law, the United States shall continue to make the quantities of Project Water specified in this Contract available to the Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Contract which were not found to be legally invalid or unenforceable in the final court decision.

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

rights and obligations thereunder, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Prior to the Contractor commencing any legal action, or the Contracting Officer referring any matter to the Department of Justice, the party shall provide to the other party 30 days' written notice of the intent to take such action; Provided, That such notice shall not be required where a delay in commencing an action would prejudice the interests of the party that intends to file suit. During the 30-day notice period, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. Except as specifically provided, nothing herein is intended to waive or abridge any right or remedy that the Contractor or the United States may have.

OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

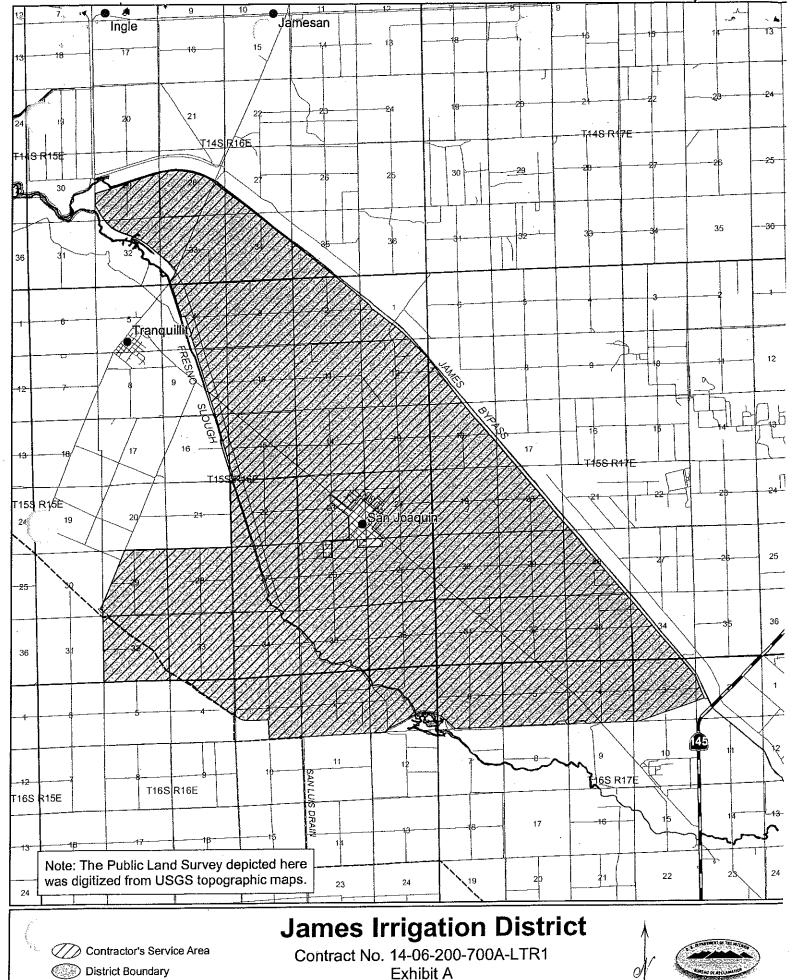
34. No Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner, or official of the Contractor shall benefit from this Contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same manner as other water users or landowners.

CHANGES IN CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA

- 1120 35. (a) While this Contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Contractor's Service Area, by inclusion or exclusion of lands, dissolution, consolidation, merger, or otherwise, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.
 - Officer will notify the Contractor of any additional information required by the Contracting Officer for processing said request, and both parties will meet to establish a mutually agreeable schedule for timely completion of the process. Such process will analyze whether the proposed change is likely to:

8	Contractor to pay for Project Water furnished under this Contract or to pay for any
1129	Federally-constructed facilities for which the Contractor is responsible; and (iii) have an impact on
1130	any Project Water rights applications, permits, or licenses. In addition, the Contracting Officer shall
1131	comply with the NEPA and the ESA. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred by the
1132	Contracting Officer in this process, and such costs will be paid in accordance with Article 25 of this
1133	Contract.
1134	FEDERAL LAWS
1135	36. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive its rights to contest the
1136	validity or application in connection with the performance of the terms and conditions of this
1137	Contract of any Federal law or regulation; Provided, That the Contractor agrees to comply with the
1138	terms and conditions of this Contract unless and until relief from application of such Federal law or
9	regulation to the implementing provision of the Contract is granted by a court of competent
1140	jurisdiction.
1141	<u>NOTICES</u>
1142 1143 1144 1145 1146 1147 1148	37. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this Contract shall be deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contractor, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Area Manager, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, California 93721 and on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Board of Directors of the James Irrigation District, P.O. Box 757, San Joaquin, California 93660. The designation of the addressee or the address may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided in this Article for other notices.
1149	CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT
1150 1151 1152 1153	38. The Contractor, after the execution of this Contract, shall promptly seek to secure a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of California, confirming the execution of this Contract. The Contractor shall furnish the United States a certified copy of the final decree, the

1	validation proceedings, and all pertinent supporting records of the court approving and confirming this Contract, and decreeing and adjudging it to be lawful, valid, and binding on the Contractor.
1156	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the day
1157	and year first above written.
1158	THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY
1159 1160 1161	OFFICE OF REGIONAL SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR By: Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region Bureau of Reclamation
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