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Mr. Eric Averett, General Manager
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Re: Onyx Ranch South Fork Valley Water Project; SCH No. 2018021061,
Final Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Averett:

This letter is written in advance of Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Rosedale) January 12, 2021 Board meeting to consider approval and certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) with regard to the Onyx Ranch South Fork Valley Project (SCH No. 2018021061, Project).

As you are aware from the extensive written comments by the Kern River Interests and by me, as Kern River Watermaster appointed as a representative of the Kern River Interests, advising Rosedale that there is insufficient information currently available with regard to the Project to understand whether and how it could commence without disrupting existing public water projects, facilities, and operational procedures (judgments, decrees, contracts and agreements regarding Kern River administration) necessary for the daily administration of the Kern River. Specifically, these comprehensive comments have identified numerous details regarding the Project which are not currently defined, including: the nature and extent of the claimed South Fork Kern River water rights; the proposed manner of daily measurement, monitoring, accounting and reporting of Project water originating from the South Fork Kern River and entering Isabella Reservoir, which may then flow to downstream reaches of the Kern River up to the California-Aqueduct Kern River Intertie; and specific information detailing the proposed coordination with all downstream Kern River water users, facilities, operational procedures, and public water projects and programs to ensure no injury to existing uses of the Kern River.

Since these detailed comments were provided to Rosedale, I have not received any direct contact from Rosedale explaining specifically how it proposes to coordinate its contemplated

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operation of the Project with existing facilities and operations administered at Isabella Dam and Reservoir and downstream to ensure no injury to these ongoing public water activities. Until such time as Rosedale has provided the foundational details for the Project which clearly explains, defines, and establishes a comprehensive system in coordination with all existing public water projects and programs, facilities, and operational procedures for the daily administration of the Kern River, it is not possible to know how and in what manner your request can be considered and addressed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by 'S. Munn' and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dana S. Munn
Kern River Watermaster