

## **Nevada Irrigation District**

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State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights Attn: Greg Brown Environmental Scientist P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

## Re: Water Right Application 5634X01 – Project Update

Dear Mr. Brown:

Pursuant to Water Code section 1275 and your acceptance letter of application number 5634X01, this letter is to update you on the Lead Agency's progress in preparing the appropriate environmental document. The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) will be the Lead Agency for this project. There have been no significant changes since the last update.

- On December 12, 2023, the SWRCB Administrative Hearing office convened a Status Conference to discuss NID's Pending Petition for Assignment of State Filed Application 5634 filed by NID, and Request of Priority of State Filed Applications 5633 and 5634 filed by South Sutter Water District (SSWD). The Hearing Officer set a status conference for March 6, 2024 to discuss with the parties the status of various negotiations and resolution of protests to SSWD's Applications. No hearing date on the merits has been set.
- The District is continuing development of the Plan for Water (PFW). In the PFW process, the District is currently updating its uimpaired hydrology to include the latest climate change data, reservoir operations model and developing a new demand model. This is a public process and the District holds monthly public meetings to provide information, updates and soliciate public input in the development of the PFW.
- No new work related to the DEIR has been done since the last quarterly update.
- AB 52 consultation is ongoing with United Auburn Indian Community, Colfax-Todd's Valley, and Nevada City Rancheria. No consultations have occurred since the last quarterly update.
- NID and SSWD have met this year to continue further negotiations regarding SSWD protests.
- Additional documents have been updated/added to the District's new website. The project website address is <u>https://www.nidwater.com/centennial-water-supply-project.</u>

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

Sincerely,

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Doug Roderick, P.E. Director of Engineering