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March 20, 2023

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

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

Dear Mr. Kehrlein:

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 October 18, 2022, the SWRCB Administrative Hearing Office requested Briefs regarding the sequencing of the Pending Petition for Assignment of State Filed Application 5634 filed by NID, and Request for Release from Priority of State Filed Applications 5633 and 5634 filed by SSWD. The Parties submitted briefs on the issue on December 5 and December 20, 2022. The Next status conference is scheduled for April 25, 2023, at 1:00 pm.
- The District is continuing development of the Plan for Water (PFW). In the PFW process, the District is currently updating its unimpaired 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 solicit 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 South Sutter Water District (SSWD) have met multiple times 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 <a href="https://www.nidwater.com/centennial-water-supply-project">https://www.nidwater.com/centennial-water-supply-project</a>.

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

Sincerely,

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