

February 10, 2017

Pablo Arroyave, Acting Regional Director
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2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Arroyave:

As Central Valley Project (CVP) American River Division contractors and American River water rights holders, we share many of the concerns with the present effort of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to amend the Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (RPA) applicable to Shasta reservoir operations that were expressed in a January 11, 2017 letter from Sacramento River contractors to NMFS Assistant Regional Administrator Maria Rea, on which you were copied.

As noted in the draft RPAs themselves, application of the RPAs to Shasta operations can have profound implications for operations, and water supply and reliability, in other areas, including Folsom Reservoir. Consequently, we are concerned that NFMS' draft amendments to the RPA could potentially result in significant impacts on Folsom storage and operations, and regional supplies.

Considering the above, we appreciate your efforts to ensure a more transparent process with NMFS that will provide for collaboration with potentially affected water purveyors, including our agencies. It appears the record-breaking precipitation should provide for a protective cold water pool this year. We are hopeful that this welcome condition eliminates the need to hastily develop RPAs and should give us the time needed for the affected parties to work together to refine the draft amendments in the upcoming months.

We greatly appreciate your efforts to ensure a structured process for engaging affected stakeholders such as our agencies on these important issues.

To that end, we respectfully request that you add American River representatives to your distribution, meeting and call invitations regarding the RPA amendment process as it moves forward.

Sincerely,



William O. Busath
Director of Utilities
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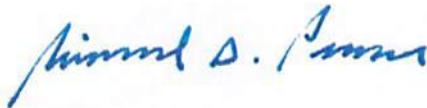
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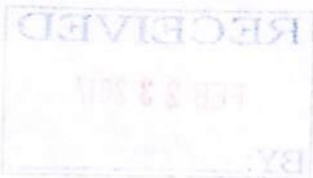


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