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State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Subject: Petitions for Temporary Change – Permits 11885, 11886, and 11887 (Applications 234, 1465, and 5638), Friant Division, Central Valley Project, California

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Please find enclosed Petitions for Temporary Change (Petitions) for the subject permits filed pursuant to Water Code Sections 1725 and 1707. The Bureau of Reclamation has filed these Petitions in order to continue to implement the Stipulation for Settlement dated September 13, 2006, in the matter of *Natural Resources Defense Council et al. v. Kirk Rodgers, et al.*, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Civ. Case No. S-88-1658-LKK/GGH, as authorized and directed by the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act, PL 111-11, 123 Stat. 1349 (Settlement Act).

On October 1, 2009, the Division of Water Rights (Division) issued Order WR 2009-0058-DWR, authorizing the temporary transfer of Water Year (WY) 2010 Interim Flows from October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, with a maximum of 355,000 acre-feet of water approved for the transfer, to implement the Settlement Act. In order to furnish WY 2011 Interim Flows from October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011, pursuant to the Settlement Act, Reclamation requests the addition of Fish and Wildlife Preservation and Enhancement as a purpose-of-use, as well as additional points of rediversion and places-of-use, for the subject permits. The proposed WY 2011 action is a temporary continuation of the WY 2010 action previously approved in Order WR 2009-0058-DWR.

Each of the enclosed Petitions contains a pre-printed statement that an \$850.00 fee made payable to the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) must accompany each Petition. Therefore a check for \$850.00 made payable to the CDFG is enclosed. Since all three Petitions will be reviewed and considered together for the same transfer, only one fee is enclosed pursuant to Section 10005(e) of the California Public Resources Code.

However, the primary purpose of these Petitions is to benefit fish resources in the San Joaquin River. Therefore, pursuant to Section 10005(d)(4) of the California Public Resources Code, please advise Reclamation as soon as CDFG has made its written determination that the subject petitions are exempt from the \$850.00 fee and what arrangements will be made to return the enclosed fee to Reclamation.

Reclamation understands that the administrative filing fee required to process these Petitions is covered by the water right fees program to the extent that sufficient funds are available. Any administrative costs

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incurred as a result of processing Reclamation's Petitions that exceed the funds available under the water right fees program will be covered under the existing contract between Reclamation and the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) for services rendered by Board staff.

Reclamation appreciates the assistance that the Division will be providing in processing these Petitions. Reclamation's point of contact for these Petitions is Mr. Bob Colella, Water Rights Specialist, at 916-978-5256 or email rcolella@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Woodley

Regional Resources Manager

Enclosures - 3

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