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Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Remanded Biological Opinions on the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project

Dear Ms. Piñero,

The Kern County Water Agency (Agency) would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the remanded biological opinions on the coordinated long-term operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project.

The Agency was created by the California State Legislature in 1961 to contract with the California Department of Water Resources for State Water Project (SWP) water. The Agency has contracts with water districts throughout Kern County to deliver SWP water. The Agency also manages and/or is a participant in multiple groundwater banking projects, including the Kern Water Bank, Pioneer Property and Berrenda Mesa banking projects. Therefore, the Agency is uniquely qualified to provide comments on the Project.

Agency staff has reviewed the NOI. Additionally, Agency staff has reviewed the comments prepared by the State Water Contractors, Inc. and the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta. The Agency joins in all of the comments submitted by these two organizations.

If you have any questions, please contact Curtis Creel of my staff at (661) 634-1400.

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Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. M. Beck".

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