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LONG-TERM RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SAN LUIS WATER DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM SAN LUIS UNIT AND DELTA DIVISION

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10	THIS CONTRACT, made this day of, 2005, in pursuance
11	generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or supplementary thereto,
12	including, but not limited to, the Acts of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844), as amended and
13	supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented, July 2, 1956 (70 Stat.
14	483), June 3, 1960 (74 Stat. 156), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263),
15	October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), as amended, and Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992
16	(106 Stat. 4706), all collectively hereinafter referred to as Federal Reclamation law, between THE
17	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the United States, and SAN LUIS
18	WATER DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as the Contractor, a public agency of the State of
19	California, duly organized, existing, and acting pursuant to the laws thereof;
20	WITNESSETH, That:

21	EXPLANATORY RECITALS
22	[1 st] WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central Valley
23	Project (Project), California, for diversion, storage, carriage, distribution and beneficial use, for flood
24	control, irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and wildlife mitigation, protection and
25	restoration, generation and distribution of electric energy, salinity control, navigation and other
26	beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River, the American River, the Trinity River, and the
27	San Joaquin River and their tributaries; and
28	[2 nd] WHEREAS, the United States constructed the Delta Division Facilities, including the
29	San Luis Unit facilities (which include the San Luis Canal and Dos Amigos Pumping Plant), which
30	will be used in part for the furnishing of water to the Contractor pursuant to the terms of this
31	Contract; and
32	[3 rd] WHEREAS, the rights to Project Water were acquired by the United States pursuant
33	to California law for operation of the Project; and
34	[4 th] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States entered into Contract
35	No. 14-06-200-7773A, as amended , which established terms for the delivery to the Contractor of
36	Project Water from January 1, 1975, through December 31, 2008, hereinafter referred to as the
37	Existing Contract; and
38	[4.1] WHEREAS, the Existing Contract originally provided that the Contracting Officer
39	would make available for delivery to the Contractor 128,000 acre-feet of Project Water for irrigation
40	and M&I purposes each year, but was subsequently revised by mutual agreement of the Contracting
41	Officer and the Contractor to provide that the Contracting Officer would make available for delivery

42	to the Contractor 125,080 acre-feet of Project Water for irrigation and M&I purposes each year; and
43	[5 th] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor have pursuant to Subsection
44	3404(c)(3) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), subsequently entered into a
45	binding agreement identified as Binding Agreement No. 14-06-200-7773A-BA, which sets out the
46	terms pursuant to which the Contractor agreed to renew the Existing Contract before the expiration
47	date after completion of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and other
48	appropriate environmental documentation and negotiation of a renewal contract; and which also sets
49	out the consequences of a subsequent decision not to renew: and
50	[6 th] WHEREAS, Section 3404(c) of the CVPIA provides for long-term renewal the
51	Existing Contract following completion of appropriate environmental documentation, including a
52	PEIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyzing the direct and indirect
53	impacts and benefits of implementing the CVPIA and the potential renewal of all existing contracts
54	for Project Water; and
55	[7 th] WHEREAS, the United States has completed the PEIS and all other appropriate
56	environmental review necessary to provide for long-term renewal of the Existing Contract; and
57	[8 th] WHEREAS, the Contractor has requested the long-term renewal of the Existing
58	Contract, pursuant to the terms of the Existing Contract, Federal Reclamation law, and the laws of the
59	State of California, for water service from the Project; and

60 [9th] WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Contractor has fulfilled all of
61 its obligations under the Existing Contract; and

62	[10 th] WHEREAS, the Contractor has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Contracting
63	Officer that the Contractor has utilized the Project Water supplies available to it for reasonable and
64	beneficial use and expects to utilize fully for reasonable and beneficial use the quantity of Project
65	Water to be made available to it pursuant to this Contract; and
66	[11 th] WHEREAS, water obtained from the Project has been relied upon by urban and
67	agricultural areas within California for more than 50 years, and is considered by the Contractor as an
68	essential portion of its water supply; and
69	[12 th] WHEREAS, the economies of regions within the Project, including the Contractor's,
70	depend upon the continued availability of water, including water service from the Project; and
71	[12.1] WHEREAS, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has held that
72	Section 1(a) of the San Luis Act, Public Law 86-488, 74 Stat. 156, imposes on the Secretary a duty to
73	provide drainage service to the San Luis Unit; and
74	[12.2] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer recognize that adequate
75	drainage service is required to maintain agricultural production within certain areas served with
76	Project Water made available under this Contract and all renewals thereof; and
	[12.3] WHEREAS, the Contacting Officer intends, to the extent appropriated funds are
	available, to develop and implement effective solutions to drainage problems in the San Luis Unit; and
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78	[12.4] WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer and the Contractor acknowledge: that such
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- 79 drainage solutions may involve actions not originally contemplated and/or the construction or use of
- 80 facilities other than the San Luis Drain; that the Contractor is investing in drainage solutions for lands

81	within its boundaries that would be considered by the Contracting Officer in determine drainage
82	solutions; and that the existing ratesetting policy as it relates to the allocation and collection of
83	drainage costs may require amendment to recognize those investments by the Contractor and other
84	relevant circumstances; and
85	[13 th] WHEREAS, the Secretary intends through coordination, cooperation, and partnerships
86	to pursue measures to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all
87	Project purposes; and
88	[14 th] WHEREAS, the mutual goals of the United States and the Contractor include: to
89	provide for reliable Project Water supplies; to control costs of those supplies; to achieve repayment
90	of the Project as required by law; to guard reasonably against Project Water shortages; to achieve a
91	reasonable balance among competing demands for use of Project Water; and to comply with all
92	applicable environmental statutes, all consistent with the legal obligations of the United States
93	relative to the Project; and
94	[14.1] WHEREAS, the parties intend by this Contract to develop a more cooperative
95	relationship in order to achieve their mutual goals; and

96 [15th] WHEREAS, the Contractor has utilized or may utilize transfers, contract assignments, 97 rescheduling and conveyance of Project Water and non-Project water under this Contract as tools to 98 minimize the impacts of Conditions of Shortage and to maximize the beneficial use of water; and 99 [15.1] WHEREAS, the parties desire and intend that this Contract not provide a disincentive

100	to the Contractor in continuing to carry out the beneficial activities set out in the Explanatory Recital
101	immediately above; and
102	[16 th] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor are willing to enter into this
103	Contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law on the terms and conditions set forth below;
104	NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants herein
105	contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows:
106	DEFINITIONS
107	1. When used herein unless otherwise distinctly expressed, or manifestly incompatible
108	with the intent of the parties as expressed in this Contract, the term:
109	(a) "Calendar Year" shall mean the period January 1 through December 31, both
110	dates inclusive;
111	(b) "Charges" shall mean the payments required by Federal Reclamation law in
112	addition to the Rates and Tiered Pricing Component specified in this Contract as determined annually
113	by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this Contract;
114	(c) "Condition of Shortage" shall mean a condition respecting the Project during
115	any Year such that the Contracting Officer is unable to deliver sufficient water to meet the Contract

116 Total;

117 (d) "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior's duly

118 authorized representative acting pursuant to this Contract or applicable Federal Reclamation law or

119 regulation;

- 120 "Contract Total" shall mean the maximum amount of water to which the (e) 121 Contractor is entitled under subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract; 122 (f) "Contractor's Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Contractor is 123 permitted to provide Project Water under this Contract as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, 124 which may be modified from time to time in accordance with Article 35 of this Contract without 125 amendment of this Contract; 126 "CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Title (g) 127 XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706); 128 (g.1) "Delta Division Facilities" shall mean those existing and future Project 129 facilities in and south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers Delta, including, but not limited to, the 130 Tracy Pumping Plant, the O'Neill Forebay, the O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant, and the San Luis 131 Reservoir, used to divert, store and convey water to those Project Contractors entitled to receive 132 water conveyed through the Delta-Mendota Canal;
- 133(h)"Eligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may be

134 delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the Reclamation Reform Act of October 12, 1982 (96

- 135 Stat. 1263), as amended, hereinafter referred to as RRA;
- (i) "Excess Lands" shall mean all lands in excess of the limitations contained in
 Section 204 of the RRA, other than those lands exempt from acreage limitation under Federal

138 Reclamation law;

139	(j) "Full Cost Rate" shall mean an annual rate, as determined by the Contracting
140	Officer that shall amortize the expenditures for construction properly allocable to the Project
141	irrigation or M&I functions, as appropriate, of facilities in service including all Operation and
142	Maintenance (O&M) deficits funded, less payments, over such periods as may be required under
143	Federal Reclamation law, or applicable contract provisions. Interest will accrue on both the
144	construction expenditures and funded O&M deficits from October 12, 1982, on costs outstanding at
145	that date, or from the date incurred in the case of costs arising subsequent to October 12, 1982, and
146	shall be calculated in accordance with subsections 202(3)(B) and (3)(C) of the RRA. The Full-Cost
147	Rate includes actual operation, maintenance, and replacement costs consistent with Section 426.2 of
148	the Rules and Regulations for the RRA;
149	(k) "Ineligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may not be
150	delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the RRA;
151	(1) "Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the Full Cost Rate applicable to
152	the delivery of Irrigation Water;
153	(m) "Irrigation Water" shall mean water made available from the Project that is
154	used primarily in the production of agricultural crops or livestock, including domestic use incidental
155	thereto, and watering of livestock;
156	(n) "Landholder" shall mean a party that directly or indirectly owns or leases
157	nonexempt land, as provided in 43 CFR 426.2;
158	(o) "Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water" shall mean Project Water, other than

159	Irrigation Water, made available to the Contractor. M&I Water shall include water used for human
160	use and purposes such as the watering of landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horses) which are
161	kept for personal enjoyment or water delivered to landholdings operated in units of less than five
162	acres unless the Contractor establishes to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the use of
163	water delivered to any such landholding is a use described in subdivision (m) of this Article;
164	(p) "M&I Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the Full Cost Rate applicable to the
165	delivery of M&I Water;
166	(q) "Operation and Maintenance" or "O&M" shall mean normal and reasonable
167	care, control, operation, repair, replacement (other than capital replacement), and maintenance of
168	Project facilities;
169	(r) "Operating Non-Federal Entity" shall mean the entity(ies), its (their)
170	successors or assigns, which has (have) the obligation to operate and maintain all or a portion of the
171	Delta Division Facilities pursuant to written agreement(s) with the United States. When this Contract
172	was
173	entered into, the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) was (were) the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water
174	Authority and, with respect to San Luis Unit facilities, the California Department of Water
175	Resources;
176	(s) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United States
177	and managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;
178	(t) "Project Contractors" shall mean all parties who have water service contracts

179	for Project Water from the Project with the United States pursuant to Federal Reclamation law;
180	(u) "Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or
181	delivered by the Secretary in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project and in accordance
182	with the terms and conditions of water rights acquired pursuant to California law;
183	(v) "Rates" shall mean the payments determined annually by the Contracting
184	Officer in accordance with the then current applicable water ratesetting policies for the Project, as
185	described in subdivision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract;
186	(w) "Recent Historic Average" shall mean the most recent five year average of the
187	final forecast of Water Made Available to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract or its preceding
188	contract(s);
189	(x) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior, a duly appointed
190	successor, or an authorized representative acting pursuant to any authority of the Secretary and
191	through any agency of the Department of the Interior;
192	(y) "Tiered Pricing Component" shall be the incremental amount to be paid for
193	each acre-foot of Water Delivered as described in subdivision (j) of Article 7 of this Contract;
194	(z) "Water Delivered" or "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water diverted for
195	use by the Contractor at the point(s) of delivery approved by the Contracting Officer;
196	(aa) "Water Made Available" shall mean the estimated amount of Project Water
197	that can be delivered to the Contractor for the upcoming Year as declared by the Contracting Officer,
198	pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 4 of this Contract;
199	(bb) "Water Scheduled" shall mean Project Water made available to the Contractor

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201	Officer, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract; and
202	(cc) "Year" shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each Calendar
203	Year through the last day of February of the following Calendar Year.
204	TERM OF CONTRACT
205	2. (a) This Contract shall be effective March 1, 2005, through February 28, 2030,
206	and supercedes the Existing Contract . In the event the Contractor wishes to renew this Contract
207	beyond February 28, 2030, the Contractor shall submit a request for renewal in writing to the
208	Contracting Officer no later than two years prior to the date this Contract expires. The renewal of
209	this Contract insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of Irrigation Water to the Contractor shall be
210	governed by subdivision (b) of this Article, and the renewal of this Contract insofar as it pertains to
211	the furnishing of M&I Water to the Contractor shall be governed by subdivision (c) of this Article.
212	(b) (1) Under terms and conditions of a renewal contract that are mutually
213	agreeable to the parties hereto, and upon a determination by the Contracting Officer that at the time
214	of contract renewal the conditions set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this Article are met, and subject to
215	Federal and State law, this Contract, insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of Irrigation Water to the
216	Contractor, shall be renewed for a period of 25 years.
217	(2) The conditions which must be met for this Contract to be renewed are
218	(i) the Contractor has prepared a water conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting
219	Officer in accordance with Article 26 of this Contract to meet the conservation and efficiency criteria
220	for evaluating such plans established under Federal law; (ii) the Contractor is implementing an

for which times and quantities for delivery have been established by the Contractor and Contracting

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221	effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the Contractor's water conservation
222	plan as required by Article 26 of this Contract; (iii) the Contractor is operating and maintaining all
223	water measuring devices and implementing all water measurement methods as approved by the
224	Contracting Officer pursuant to Article 6 of this Contract; (iv) the Contractor has reasonably and
225	beneficially used the Project Water supplies made available to it and, based on projected demands, is
226	reasonably anticipated and expects fully to utilize for reasonable and beneficial use the quantity of
227	Project Water to be made available to it pursuant to such renewal; (v) the Contractor is complying
228	with all terms and conditions of this Contract; and (vi) the Contractor has the physical and legal
229	ability to deliver Project Water.

230 (3) The terms and conditions of the renewal contract described in 231 subdivision (b)(1) of this Article and any subsequent renewal contracts shall be developed consistent 232 with the parties' respective legal rights and obligations, and in consideration of all relevant facts and 233 circumstances, as those circumstances exist at the time of renewal, including, without limitation, the 234 Contractor's need for continued delivery of Project Water; environmental conditions affected by 235 implementation of the Contract to be renewed, and specifically changes in those conditions that 236 occurred during the life of the Contract to be renewed; the Secretary's progress toward achieving the 237 purposes of the CVPIA as set out in Section 3402 and in implementing the specific provisions of the 238 CVPIA; and current and anticipated economic circumstances of the region served by the Contractor. 239 (c) This Contract, insofar as it pertains to the furnishing of M&I Water to the 240 Contractor, shall be renewed successive periods of up to 40 years each, which periods shall be 241 consistent with the then-existing Reclamation-wide policy, under terms and conditions mutually

242	agreeable to the parties and consistent with Federal and State law. The Contractor shall be afforded
243	the opportunity to comment to the Contracting Officer on the proposed adoption and application of
244	any revised policy applicable to the delivery of M&I Water that would limit the term of any
245	subsequent renewal contract with the Contractor for the furnishing of M&I Water to less than 40
246	years.
247	(d) The Contracting Officer shall make a determination ten years after the date of
248	execution of this Contract, and every five years thereafter during the term of this Contract, of whether
249	a conversion of the relevant portion of this Contract to a contract under subsection 9(d) of the
250	Reclamation Project Act of 1939 can be accomplished pursuant to the Act of July 2, 1956 (70 Stat
251	483). The Contracting Officer shall also make a determination ten years after the date of execution
252	of this Contract and every five years thereafter during the term of this Contract of whether a
253	conversion of the relevant portion of this Contract to a contract under subsection $9(c)(1)$ of the
254	Reclamation Project Act of 1939 can be accomplished. Notwithstanding any provision of this
255	Contract, the Contractor reserves and shall have all rights and benefits under the Act of July 2, 1956
256	(70 Stat. 483). The Contracting Officer anticipates that during the term of this Contract, all
257	authorized Project construction expected to occur will have occurred, and on that basis the
258	Contracting Officer agrees upon such completion to allocate all costs that are properly assignable to
259	the Contractor, and agrees further that, at any time after such allocation is made, and subject to
260	satisfaction of the condition set out in this subdivision, this Contract shall, at the request of the
261	Contractor, be converted to a contract under subsection $9(d)$ or $9(c)(1)$, whichever is applicable, of
262	the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, subject to applicable Federal law and under stated terms and

263	conditions mutually agreeable to the Contractor and the Contracting Officer. A condition for such
264	conversion to occur shall be a determination by the Contracting Officer that, account being taken of
265	the amount credited to return by the Contractor as provided for under Federal Reclamation law, the
266	remaining amount of construction costs assignable for ultimate return by the Contractor can probably
267	be repaid to the United States within the term of a contract under subsection $9(d)$ or $9(c)(1)$,
268	whichever is applicable. If the remaining amount of costs that are properly assignable to the
269	Contractor cannot be determined during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall notify
270	the Contractor, and provide the reason(s) why such a determination could not be made. Further, the
271	Contracting Officer shall make such a determination as soon thereafter as possible so as to permit,
272	upon request of the Contractor and satisfaction of the condition set out above, conversion to a
273	contract under subsection $9(d)$ or $9(c)(1)$, whichever is applicable. In the event such determination of
274	costs has not been made at a time which allows conversion of this Contract during the term of this
275	Contract or the Contractor has not requested conversion of this Contract within such term, the parties
276	shall incorporate in any subsequent renewal contract as described in subdivision (b) of this Article a
277	provision that carries forth in substantially identical terms the provisions of this subdivision.
278	WATER TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED TO THE CONTRACTOR
279	3. (a) During each Year, consistent with all applicable State water rights, permits,
280	and licenses, Federal law, and subject to the provisions set forth in Articles 11 and 12 of this
281	Contract, the Contracting Officer shall make available for delivery to the Contractor 125,080 acre-
282	feet of Project Water for irrigation and M&I purposes. Water Delivered to the Contractor in
283	accordance with this subdivision shall be scheduled and paid for pursuant to the provisions of

284 Articles 4 and 7 of this Contract.

285 (b) Because the capacity of the Project to deliver Project Water has been 286 constrained in recent years and may be constrained in the future due to many factors including 287 hydrologic conditions and implementation of Federal and State laws, the likelihood of the Contractor 288 actually receiving the amount of Project Water set out in subdivision (a) of this Article in any given 289 Year is uncertain. The Contracting Officer's modeling referenced in the PEIS projected that the 290 Contract Total set forth in this Contract will not be available to the Contractor in many years. During 291 the most recent five years, the Recent Historic Average of Water Made Available to the Contractor 292 was 82,303 acre-feet. Nothing in subdivision (b) of this Article shall affect the rights and obligations 293 of the parties under any provision of this Contract. 294 (c) The Contractor shall utilize the Project Water in accordance with all applicable 295 legal requirements. 296 (c.1) In the event any Project Contractor (other than a Cross Valley Contractor) that 297 receives Project Water through the Delta Division Facilities obtains a contractual agreement that the 298 Contracting Officer shall make Project Water available at a point or points of delivery in or north of 299 the Delta, at the request of the Contractor and upon completion of any required environmental 300 documentation, this Contract shall be amended to provide for deliveries in or north of the Delta on 301 mutually agreeable terms. Such amendments to the Contract shall be limited solely to those changes 302 made necessary by the addition of such alternate points of delivery in or north of the Delta; 303 Provided, That the Contracting Officer's use of the Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant to deliver 304 Project Water does not trigger this right of amendment.

305	(d) The Contractor shall make reasonable and beneficial use of all water furnished
306	pursuant to this Contract. Groundwater recharge programs (direct, indirect, or in lieu), groundwater
307	banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project
308	Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted within the Contractor's Service
309	Area which are consistent with applicable State law and result in use consistent with Federal
310	Reclamation law will be allowed; Provided, That any direct recharge program(s) is (are) described in
311	the Contractor's water conservation plan submitted pursuant to Article 26 of this Contract; Provided,
312	further, That such water conservation plan demonstrates sufficient lawful uses exist in the
313	Contractor's Service Area so that using a long-term average, the quantity of Delivered Water is
314	demonstrated to be reasonable for such uses and in compliance with Federal Reclamation law.
315	Groundwater recharge programs, groundwater banking programs, surface water storage programs,
316	and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract
317	conducted outside the Contractor's Service Area may be permitted upon written approval of the
318	Contracting Officer, which approval will be based upon environmental documentation, Project Water
319	rights, and Project operational concerns. The Contracting Officer will address such concerns in
320	regulations, policies, or guidelines.
321	(e) The Contractor shall comply with requirements applicable to the Contractor in
322	biological opinion(s) prepared as a result of a consultation regarding the execution of this Contract
323	undertaken pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, that are
324	within the Contractor's legal authority to implement. The Existing Contract, which evidences in
325	excess of 30 years of diversions for irrigation and/or M&I purposes of the quantities of water

326	provided in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract, will be considered in developing an
327	appropriate baseline for the biological assessment(s) prepared pursuant to the ESA, and any other
328	needed environmental review. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Contractor from
329	challenging or seeking judicial relief in a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any
330	biological opinion or other environmental documentation referred to in this Article.
331	(f) Following the declaration of Water Made Available under Article 4 of this
332	Contract, the Contracting Officer will make a determination whether Project Water, or other water
333	available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractor in addition to the Contract Total
334	under this Article during the Year without adversely impacting other Project Contractors. At the
335	request of the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will consult with the Contractor prior to making
336	such a determination. If the Contracting Officer determines that Project Water, or other water
337	available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will
338	announce the availability of such water and shall so notify the Contractor as soon as practical. The
339	Contracting Officer will thereafter meet with the Contractor and other Project Contractors capable of
340	taking such water to determine the most equitable and efficient allocation of such water. If the
341	Contractor requests the delivery of any quantity of such water, the Contracting Officer shall make
342	such water available to the Contractor in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines,
343	and policies. Subject to existing long-term contractual commitments, water rights and operational
344	constraints, long-term Project Contractors shall have a first right to acquire such water, including
345	Project Water made available pursuant to Section 215 of the RRA.



(g) The Contractor may request permission to reschedule for use during the

347	subsequent Year some or all of the Water Made Available to the Contractor during the current Year,
348	referred to as "rescheduled water." The Contractor may request permission to use during the current
349	Year a quantity of Project Water which may be made available by the United States to the Contractor
350	during the subsequent Year referred to as "preuse." The Contracting Officer's written approval may
351	permit such uses in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies.
352	(h) The Contractor's right pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and applicable
353	State law to the reasonable and beneficial use of Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during the
354	term thereof and any subsequent renewal contracts, as described in Article 2 of this Contract, during
355	the terms thereof shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor shall fulfill all of its obligations
356	under this Contract and any renewals thereof. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall affect the
357	Contracting Officer's ability to impose shortages under Article 11 or subdivision (b) of Article 12 of
358	this Contract or applicable provisions of any subsequent renewal contracts.
359	(i) Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract may be
360	delivered for purposes other than those described in subdivisions (m) and (o) of Article 1 of this
361	Contract upon written approval by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the terms and
362	conditions of such approval.
363	(j) The Contracting Officer shall make reasonable efforts to protect the water
364	rights necessary for the Project and to provide the water available under this Contract. The
365	Contracting Officer shall not object to participation by the Contractor, in the capacity and to the
366	extent permitted by law, in administrative proceedings related to the Project Water rights; Provided,
367	that the Contracting Officer retains the right to object to the substance of the Contractor's position in

368	such a proceeding; Provided, further, That in such proceedings the Contracting Officer shall
369	recognize the Contractor has a legal right under the terms of this Contract to use Project Water.
370	TIME FOR DELIVERY OF WATER
371	4. (a) On or about February 20 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall
372	announce the Contracting Officer's expected declaration of the Water Made Available. Such
373	declaration will be expressed in terms of both Water Made Available and the Recent Historic
374	Average and will be updated monthly, and more frequently if necessary, based on then-current
375	operational and hydrologic conditions and a new declaration with changes, if any, to the Water Made
376	Available will be made. The Contracting Officer shall provide forecasts of Project operations and the
377	basis of the estimate, with relevant supporting information, upon the written request of the
378	Contractor. Concurrently with the declaration of the Water Made Available, the Contracting Officer
379	shall provide the Contractor with the updated Recent Historic Average.
380	(b) On or before each March 1 and at such other times as necessary, the Contractor
381	shall submit to the Contracting Officer a written schedule, satisfactory to the Contracting Officer,
382	showing the monthly quantities of Project Water to be delivered by the United States to the
383	Contractor pursuant to this Contract for the Year commencing on such March 1. The Contracting
384	Officer shall use all reasonable means to deliver Project Water according to the approved schedule
385	for the Year commencing on such March 1.
386	(c) The Contractor shall not schedule Project Water in excess of the quantity of
387	Project Water the Contractor intends to put to reasonable and beneficial use within the Contractor's
388	Service Area or to sell, transfer or exchange pursuant to Article 9 of this Contract during any Year.

389	(d) Subject to the conditions set forth in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this
390	Contract, the United States shall deliver Project Water to the Contractor in accordance with the initial
391	schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to subdivision (b) of this Article, or any written
392	revision(s) thereto satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, submitted within a reasonable time prior to
393	the date(s) on which the requested change(s) is/are to be implemented.
394	POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER
395	5. (a) Project Water scheduled pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this
396	Contract shall be delivered to the Contractor at Project facilities and any additional point or points of
397	delivery either on Project facilities or another location or locations mutually agreed to in writing by
398	the Contracting Officer and the Contractor.
399	(b) The Contracting Officer, either directly or indirectly through its written
400	agreements(s) with the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), shall make all reasonable efforts to
401	maintain sufficient flows and levels of water in the Project facilities to deliver Project Water to the
402	Contractor at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article.
403	(c) The Contractor shall deliver Irrigation Water in accordance with any
404	applicable land classification provisions of Federal Reclamation law and the associated regulations.
405	The Contractor shall not deliver Project Water to land outside the Contractor's Service Area unless
406	approved in advance by the Contracting Officer.
407	(d) All Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be
408	measured and recorded with equipment furnished, installed, operated, and maintained by the
409	Contracting Officer either directly or indirectly through its written agreements(s) with the Operating

410	Non-Federal Entity(ies), unless undertaken by the Contractor with the consent of the Contracting
411	Officer at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. Upon
412	the request of either party to this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall investigate, or cause to be
413	investigated by the appropriate Operating Non-Federal Entity (ies) the accuracy of such
414	measurements and shall take any necessary steps to adjust any errors appearing therein. For any
415	period of time when accurate measurements have not been made, the Contracting Officer shall
416	consult with the Contractor and the appropriate Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), if any, prior to
417	making a final determination of the quantity delivered for that period of time.
418	(e) Absent a separate contrary written agreement with the Contractor, neither the
419	Contracting Officer nor any Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) shall be responsible for the control,
420	carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this
421	Contract beyond the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article.
422	The Contractor shall indemnify the United States, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns on
423	account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever for which there is legal
424	responsibility, including property damage, personal injury, or death arising out of or connected with
425	the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of such Water Delivered beyond such
426	point or points of delivery except for any damage or claim arising out of: (i) acts or omissions of the
427	Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, including the Operating
428	Non-Federal Entity(ies) with the intent of creating the situation resulting in any damage or claim; (ii)
429	willful misconduct of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, and assigns,
430	including the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies); (iii) negligence of the Contracting Officer or any of

431	its officers, employees, agents, and assigns including the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies); (iv) a
432	malfunction of facilities owned and/or operated by the United States or the Operating Non-Federal

433	Entity(ies); or (v) failure of the United States, its officers, employees, agents and assigns, including
434	the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), to provide drainage service.
435	MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA
436	6. (a) The Contractor has established a measuring program satisfactory to the
437	Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall ensure that all surface water delivered for irrigation
438	purposes within the Contractor's Service Area is measured at each agricultural turnout and such
439	water delivered for M&I purposes is measured at each M&I service connection. The water
440	measuring devices or water measuring methods of comparable effectiveness must be acceptable to
441	the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for installing, operating, and
442	maintaining and repairing all such measuring devices and implementing all such water measuring
443	methods at no cost to the United States. The Contractor shall use the information obtained from such
444	water measuring devices or water measuring methods to ensure its proper management of the water;
445	to bill water users for water delivered by the Contractor; and, if applicable, to record water delivered
446	for M&I purposes by customer class as defined in the Contractor's water conservation plan provided
447	for in Article 26 of this Contract. Nothing herein contained, however, shall preclude the Contractor
448	from establishing and collecting any charges, assessments, or other revenues authorized by California
449	law. The Contractor shall include a summary of all its annual surface water deliveries in the annual
450	report described in subdivision (c) of Article 26.

452of this Contract, the Contractor shall provide to the Contracting Officer a written report describing453the measurement devices or water measuring methods being used or to be used to implement454subdivision (a) of this Article and identifying the agricultural turnouts and the M&I service455connections or alternative measurement programs approved by the Contracting Officer, at which such456measurement devices or water measuring methods are being used, and, if applicable, identifying the457locations at which such devices and/or methods are not yet being used including a time schedule for458implementation at such locations. The Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractor in writing459within 60 days as to the adequacy and necessary modifications, if any, of the measuring devices or460respond in such time, they shall be deemed adequate. If the Contracting Officer notifies the461Contractor that the measuring devices or methods are inadequate, the parties shall within 60 days462following the Contracting Officer's response, negotiate in good faith the earliest practicable date by464which the Contractor shall modify said measuring devices and/or measuring methods as required by465the Contracting Officer to ensure compliance with subdivision (a) of this Article.466(c)All new surface water delivery systems installed within the Contractor's467Service Area after the effective date of this Contract shall also comply with the measurement468provisions described in subdivision (a) of this Article.469(d)The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer a	451	(b) To the extent the information has not otherwise been provided, upon execution
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	467	Service Area after the effective date of this Contract shall also comply with the measurement
(d) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the State of California	468	provisions described in subdivision (a) of this Article.
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in writing by April 30 of each Year of the monthly volume of surface water delivered within the	470	in writing by April 30 of each Year of the monthly volume of surface water delivered within the
471 Contractor's Service Area during the previous Year.	471	Contractor's Service Area during the previous Year.

472	(e) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the Operating Non-
473	Federal Entity on or before the 20 th calendar day of each month of the quantity of Irrigation Water
474	and M&I Water taken during the preceding month.
475	RATES AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER
476	7. (a) The Contractor shall pay the United States as provided in this Article for all
477	Delivered Water at Rates, Charges, and the Tiered Pricing Component established in accordance
478	with: (i) the Secretary's ratesetting policy for Irrigation Water adopted in 1988 and the Secretary's
479	then-existing ratesetting policy for M&I Water. Such ratesetting policies shall be amended,
480	modified, or superceded only through a public notice and comment procedure; (ii) applicable Federal
481	Reclamation law and associated rules and regulations, or policies; and (iii) other applicable
482	provisions of this Contract. Payments shall be made by cash transaction, electronic funds transfer, or
483	any other mechanism as may be agreed to in writing by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer.
484	The Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component applicable to the Contractor upon execution of
485	this Contract are set forth in Exhibit "B," as may be revised annually.
486	(b) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor of the Rates, Charges, and
487	Tiered Pricing Components as follows:
488	(1) Prior to July 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall
489	provide the Contractor an estimate of the Charges for Project Water that will be applied to the period
490	October 1, of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and
491	the basis for such estimate. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and

492 comment on such estimates. On or before September 15 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting
493 Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Charges to be in effect during the period October
494 1 of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and such
495 notification shall revise Exhibit "B."

496 (2) Prior to October 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall
497 make available to the Contractor an estimate of the Rates and Tiered Pricing Component for Project
498 Water for the following Year and the computations and cost allocations upon which those Rates are
499 based. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such
500 computations and cost allocations. By December 31 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer
501 shall provide the Contractor with the final Rates and Tiered Pricing Component to be in effect for the
502 upcoming Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B".

503 (c) At the time the Contractor submits the initial schedule for the delivery of 504 Project Water for each Year pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract, the Contractor 505 shall make an advance payment to the United States equal to the total amount payable pursuant to the 506 applicable Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Project Water scheduled to be 507 delivered pursuant to this Contract during the first two calendar months of the Year. Before the end 508 of the first month and before the end of each calendar month thereafter, the Contractor shall make an 509 advance payment to the United States, at the Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Water Scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this Contract during the second month immediately 510 511 following. Adjustments between advance payments for Water Scheduled and payments at Rates due 512 for Water Delivered shall be made before the end of the following month; Provided, That any revised

513	schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to Article 4 of this Contract which increases the
514	amount of Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during any month shall be accompanied with
515	appropriate advance payment, at the Rates then in effect, to assure that Project Water is not delivered
516	to the Contractor in advance of such payment. In any month in which the quantity of Water
517	Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract equals the quantity of Water Scheduled and paid
518	for by the Contractor, no additional Project Water shall be delivered to the Contractor unless and
519	until an advance payment at the Rates then in effect for such additional Project Water is made. Final
520	adjustment between the advance payments for the Water Scheduled and payments for the quantities
521	of Water Delivered during each Year pursuant to this Contract shall be made as soon as practicable
522	but no later than April 30th of the following Year, or sixty days after the delivery of Project Water
523	rescheduled under subdivision (g) of Article 3 of this Contract if such water is not delivered by the
524	last day of February.
525	(d) The Contractor shall also make a payment in addition to the Rate(s) in
526	subdivision (c) of this Article to the United States for Water Delivered, at the Charges and the
527	appropriate Tiered Pricing Component then in effect, before the end of the month following the
528	month of delivery; Provided, That the Contractor may be granted an exception from the Tiered
529	Pricing Component pursuant to subdivision (j) (2) of this Article. The payments shall be consistent
530	with the quantities of Irrigation Water and M&I Water Delivered as shown in the water delivery
531	report for the subject month prepared by the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) or, if there is no
532	Operating Non-Federal Entity, by the Contracting Officer. The water delivery report shall be deemed
533	a bill for the payment of Charges and the applicable Tiered Pricing Component for Water Delivered.

534	Adjustment for overpayment or underpayment of Charges shall be made through the adjustment of
535	payments due to the United States for Charges for the next month. Any amount to be paid for past
536	due payment of Charges and the Tiered Pricing Component shall be computed pursuant to Article 20
537	of this Contract.
538	(e) The Contractor shall pay for any Water Delivered under subdivision (a), (f), or
539	(g) of Article 3 of this Contract as determined by the Contracting Officer pursuant to applicable
540	statutes, associated regulations, any applicable provisions of guidelines or ratesetting policies;
541	Provided, That the Rate for Water Delivered under subdivision (d) of Article 3 of this Contract shall
542	be no more than the otherwise applicable Rate for Irrigation Water or M&I Water under subdivision
543	(a) of this Article.
544	(f) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this
545	Contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor.
546	(g) All revenues received by the United States from the Contractor relating to the
547	delivery of Project Water or the delivery of non-Project water through Project facilities shall be
548	allocated and applied in accordance with Federal Reclamation law and the associated rules or
549	regulations, and the then current Project ratesetting policies for M&I Water or Irrigation Water.
550	(h) The Contracting Officer shall keep its accounts pertaining to the administration
551	of the financial terms and conditions of its long-term contracts, in accordance with applicable Federal
552	standards, so as to reflect the application of Project costs and revenues. The Contracting Officer
553	shall, each Year upon request of the Contractor, provide to the Contractor a detailed accounting of all
554	Project and Contractor expense allocations, the disposition of all Project and Contractor revenues,

and a summary of all water delivery information. The Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall
enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or disputes relating to accountings,
reports, or information.

(i) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this Contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated that mechanisms, policies, and procedures used for establishing Rates, Charges, and the Tiered Pricing Component, and/or for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article may be in the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into agreements to modify the mechanisms, policies, and procedures for any of those purposes while this Contract is in effect without amending this Contract.

565 (j) (1)Beginning at such time as deliveries of Project Water in a Year exceed 566 80 percent of the Contract Total, then before the end of the month following the month of delivery the Contractor shall make an additional payment to the United States equal to the applicable Tiered 567 568 Pricing Component. The Tiered Pricing Component for the amount of Water Delivered in excess of 569 80 percent of the Contract Total, but less than or equal to 90 percent of the Contract Total, shall equal 570 one-half of the difference between the Rate established under subdivision (a) of this Article and the 571 Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate or M&I Full Cost Water Rate, whichever is applicable. The Tiered 572 Pricing Component for the amount of Water Delivered which exceeds 90 percent of the Contract 573 Total shall equal the difference between (i) the Rate established under subdivision (a) of this Article 574 and (ii) the Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate or M&I Full Cost Water Rate, whichever is applicable. 575 For all Water Delivered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract which is in excess of

80 percent of the Contract Total, this increment shall be deemed to be divided between Irrigation
Water and M&I Water in the same proportion as actual deliveries of each bear to the cumulative total
Water Delivered.

579 (2)Subject to the Contracting Officer's written approval, the Contractor 580 may request and receive an exemption from such Tiered Pricing Component for Project Water 581 delivered to produce a crop which the Contracting Officer determines will provide significant and 582 quantifiable habitat values for waterfowl in fields where the water is used and the crops are produced; 583 Provided, That the exemption from the Tiered Pricing Component for Irrigation Water shall apply 584 only if such habitat values can be assured consistent with the purposes of the CVPIA through binding 585 agreements executed with or approved by the Contracting Officer prior to use of such water. 586 (3) For purposes of determining the applicability of the Tiered Pricing 587 Component pursuant to this Article, Water Delivered shall include Project Water that the Contractor 588 transfers to others but shall not include Project Water transferred to the Contractor, nor shall it 589 include the additional water provided to the Contractor under the provisions of subdivision (f) of 590 Article 3 of this Contract.

(k) For the term of this Contract, Rates applied under the respective ratesetting policies will be established to recover only reimbursable O&M (including any deficits) and capital costs of the Project, as those terms are used in the then-current Project ratesetting policies, and interest, where appropriate, except in instances where a minimum Rate is applicable in accordance with the relevant Project ratesetting policy. Changes of significance in practices which implement

the Contracting Officer's ratesetting policies will not be implemented until the Contracting Officer
has provided the Contractor an opportunity to discuss the nature, need, and impact of the proposed
change.

599	(1) Except as provided in subsections 3405(a) (1) (B) and 3405(f) of the CVPIA,
600	the Rates for Project Water transferred by the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Rates, in
601	accordance with the applicable Project ratesetting policy, adjusted upward or downward to reflect the
602	changed costs if any, incurred by the Contracting Officer in the delivery of the transferred Project
603	Water to the transferee's point of delivery. If the Contractor is receiving lower Rates and Charges
604	because of inability to pay and is transferring Project Water to another entity whose Rates and
605	Charges are not adjusted due to inability to pay, the Rates and Charges for transferred Project Water
606	shall not be adjusted to reflect the Contractor's inability to pay.
607	(m) Pursuant to the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), the Contracting
608	Officer is authorized to adjust determinations of ability to pay every 5 years.
609	(n) With respect to the Rates for M&I Water, the Contractor asserts that it is not
610	legally obligated to pay any Project deficits claimed by the United States to have accrued as of the
611	date of this Contract or deficit-related interest charges thereon. By entering into this Contract, the
612	Contractor does not waive any legal rights or remedies that it may have with respect to such disputed
613	issues. Notwithstanding the execution of this Contract and payments made hereunder, the Contractor
614	may challenge in the appropriate administrative or judicial forums: (1) the existence, computation, or
615	imposition of any deficit charges accruing during the term of the Existing Contract and any preceding
616	interim renewal contracts, if applicable; (2) interest accruing on any such deficits; (3) the inclusion of

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617	any such deficit charges or interest in the Rates; (4) the application by the United States of payments
618	made by the Contractor under its Existing Contract and any preceding interim renewal contracts, if
619	applicable; and (5) the application of such payments in the Rates. The Contracting Officer agrees
620	that the Contractor shall be entitled to the benefit of any administrative or judicial ruling in favor of
621	any Project M&I contractor on any of these issues, and credits for payments heretofore made,
622	provided that the basis for such ruling is applicable to the Contractor.
623	NON-INTEREST BEARING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DEFICITS
624	8. The Contractor and the Contracting Officer concur that, as of the effective date of this
625	Contract, the Contractor has no non-interest bearing O&M deficits and shall have no further liability
626	therefore.
627	SALES, TRANSFERS, OR EXCHANGES OF WATER
628	9. (a) The right to receive Project Water provided for in this Contract may be sold,
629	transferred, or exchanged to others for reasonable and beneficial uses within the State of California if
630	such sale, transfer, or exchange is authorized by applicable Federal and State laws, and applicable
631	guidelines or regulations then in effect. No sale, transfer, or exchange of Project Water under this
632	Contract may take place without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer, except as
633	provided for in subdivision (b) of this Article, and no such sales, transfers, or exchanges shall be
634	approved absent all appropriate environmental documentation, including but not limited to,
635	documents prepared pursuant to the NEPA and ESA. Such environmental documentation should
636	include, as appropriate, an analysis of groundwater impacts and economic and social effects,
637	including environmental justice, of the proposed water transfers on both the transferor and transferee.

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638	(b) In order to facilitate efficient water management by means of water transfers of
639	the type historically carried out among Project Contractors located within the same geographical area
640	and to allow the Contractor to participate in an accelerated water transfer program during the term of
641	this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall prepare, as appropriate, all necessary environmental
642	documentation, including but not limited to, documents prepared pursuant to NEPA and ESA,
643	analyzing annual transfers within such geographical areas and the Contracting Officer shall
644	determine whether such transfers comply with applicable law. Following the completion of the
645	environmental documentation, such transfers addressed in such documentation shall be conducted
646	with advance notice to the Contracting Officer, but shall not require prior written approval by the
647	Contracting Officer. Such environmental documentation and the Contracting Officer's compliance
648	determination shall be reviewed every five years and updated, as necessary, prior to the expiration of
649	the then existing five year period. All subsequent environmental documentation shall include an
650	alternative to

evaluate not less than the quantity of Project Water historically transferred within the samegeographical area.

(c) For a water transfer to qualify under subdivision (b) of this Article, such water
transfer must: (i) be for irrigation purposes for lands irrigated within the previous three years, for
M&I use, groundwater recharge, groundwater banking, or similar groundwater activities, surface
water storage, or fish and wildlife resources; not lead to land conversion; and be delivered to
established cropland, wildlife refuges, groundwater basins or M&I use; (ii) occur within a single

658	Year; (iii) occur between a willing seller and a willing buyer; (iv) convey water through existing
659	facilities with no new construction or modifications to facilities and be between existing Project
660	Contractors and/or the Contractor and the United States, Department of the Interior; and (v) comply
661	with all applicable Federal, State, and local or tribal laws and requirements imposed for protection of
662	the environment and Indian Trust Assets, as defined under Federal law.
663	APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS
664	10. (a) The amount of any overpayment by the Contractor of the Contractor's O&M,
665	capital, and deficit (if any) obligations for the Year shall be applied first to any current liabilities of
666	the Contractor arising out of this Contract then due and payable. Overpayments of more than \$1,000
667	shall be refunded at the Contractor's request. In lieu of a refund, any amount of such overpayment at
668	the option of the Contractor, may be credited against amounts to become due to the United States by
669	the Contractor. With respect to overpayment, such refund or adjustment shall constitute the sole
670	remedy of the Contractor or anyone having or claiming to have the right to the use of any of the
671	Project Water supply provided for herein. All credits and refunds of overpayments shall be made
672	within 30 days of the Contracting Officer obtaining direction as to how to credit or refund such
673	overpayment in response to the notice to the Contractor that it has finalized the accounts for the Year
674	in which the overpayment was made.
675	(b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the
676	Contractor pursuant to Article 25 of this Contract shall be adjusted to reflect the actual costs when
677	the work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual costs incurred, the difference will be
678	refunded to the Contractor. If the actual costs exceed the Contractor's advances, the Contractor will

679 be billed for the additional costs pursuant to Article 25.

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TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS--RETURN FLOWS

681 11. (a) Subject to: (i) the authorized purposes and priorities of the Project and the 682 requirements of Federal law and (ii) the obligations of the United States under existing contracts, or 683 renewals thereof, providing for water deliveries from the Project, the Contracting Officer shall make 684 all reasonable efforts to optimize Project Water deliveries to the Contractor as provided in this 685 Contract.

686 (b) The Contracting Officer or Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) may temporarily 687 discontinue or reduce the quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractor as herein provided for the 688 purposes of investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any of the Project 689 facilities or any part thereof necessary for the delivery of Project Water to the Contractor, but so far 690 as feasible the Contracting Officer or Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) will give the Contractor due 691 notice in advance of such temporary discontinuance or reduction, except in case of emergency, in 692 which case no notice need be given; Provided, That the United States shall use its best efforts to 693 avoid any discontinuance or reduction in such service. Upon resumption of service after such 694 reduction or discontinuance, and if requested by the Contractor, the United States will, if possible, 695 deliver the quantity of Project Water which would have been delivered hereunder in the absence of 696 such discontinuance or reduction.

697 (c) The United States reserves the right to all seepage and return flow water
698 derived from Water Delivered to the Contractor hereunder which escapes or is discharged beyond the
699 Contractor's Service Area; <u>Provided</u>, That this shall not be construed as claiming for the United

States any right to seepage or return flow being put to reasonable and beneficial use pursuant to this
Contract within the Contractor's Service Area by the Contractor or those claiming by, through, or
under the Contractor.

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CONSTRAINTS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER

12. (a) In its operation of the Project, the Contracting Officer will use all reasonable means to guard against a Condition of Shortage in the quantity of water to be made available to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract. In the event the Contracting Officer determines that a Condition of Shortage appears probable, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of said determination as soon as practicable.

(b) If there is a Condition of Shortage because of errors in physical operations of
the Project, drought, other physical causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer or actions
taken by the Contracting Officer to meet legal obligations then, except as provided in subdivision (a)
of Article 18 of this Contract, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers,
agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom.

(c) In any Year in which there may occur a Condition of Shortage for any of the reasons specified in subdivision (b) of this Article, and subject to subdivision (d) of this Article, the Contracting Officer will first allocate the available Project Water consistent with the Central Valley Project M&I Water Shortage Policy in its form on the effective date of this Contract for determining the amount of Project Water available for delivery to the Project Contractors. Subject to the foregoing allocation, in any year in which there may occur a Condition of Shortage, the Contracting Officer shall then apportion Project Water among the Contractor and others entitled to Project Water

721	from Delta Division Facilities under long-term water service or repayment contracts (or renewals
722	thereof or binding commitments therefore) in force on February 28, 2005, as follows:
723	(1) The Contracting Officer shall make an initial and subsequent
724	determination as necessary of the total quantity of Project Water estimated to be scheduled or actually
725	scheduled under subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract and under all other long-term water
726	service or repayment contracts then in force for the delivery of Project Water by the United States
727	from Delta Division Facilities during the relevant Year, the quantity so determined being hereinafter
728	referred to as the scheduled total;

729	(2) A determination shall be made of the total quantity of Project Water
730	that is available for meeting the scheduled total, the quantity so determined being hereinafter referred
731	to as the available supply;
732	(3) The total quantity of Project Water estimated to be scheduled or
733	actually scheduled by the Contractor during the relevant Year, under subdivision (b) of Article 4
734	hereof, shall be divided by the scheduled total, the quotient thus obtained being hereinafter referred to
735	as the Contractor's proportionate share; and
736	(4) The available supply shall be multiplied by the Contractor's
737	proportionate share and the result shall be the quantity of Project Water made available by the United
738	States to the Contractor for the relevant Year in accordance with the schedule developed by the
739	Contracting Officer under subdivision (c)(1) of this Article 12, but in no event shall such amount

740	exceed the Contract Total. In the event the Contracting Officer subsequently determines that the
741	Contracting Officer can increase or needs to decrease the available supply for delivery from Delta
742	Division Facilities to long-term water service and repayment Contractors during the relevant Year,
743	such additions or reductions to the available supply shall be apportioned consistent with
744	subparagraphs (1) through (4), inclusive.
745	(d) By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive any legal rights
746	or remedies it may have to file or participate in any administrative or judicial proceeding contesting
747	(i) the sufficiency of the Central Valley Project M&I Water Shortage Policy; (ii) the substance of
748	such a policy; (iii) the applicability of such a policy; or (iv) the manner in which such policy is
749	implemented in order to allocate Project Water between municipal and industrial and irrigation
750	purposes; Provided, That the Contractor has commenced any such judicial challenge or any
751	administrative procedures necessary to institute any judicial challenge within 6 months of the policy
752	becoming final. By agreeing to the foregoing, the Contracting Officer does not waive any legal
753	defenses or remedies that it may have to assert in such a proceeding. Nothing contained herein shall
754	be interpreted to validate or invalidate the M&I Water Shortage Policy.
755	UNAVOIDABLE GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION
756	13. To the extent applicable, the Contractor shall not be deemed to have delivered
757	Irrigation Water to Excess Lands or Ineligible Lands within the meaning of this Contract if such
758	lands are irrigated with groundwater that reaches the underground strata as an unavoidable result of

the delivery of Irrigation Water by the Contractor to Eligible Lands.

760	RULES AND REGULATIONS
761 762 763 764	14. The parties agree that the delivery of Irrigation Water or use of Federal facilities pursuant to this Contract is subject to Federal Reclamation law, including but not limited to, the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C.390aa et seq.), as amended and supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Federal Reclamation law.
765	WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
766 767 768	15. The Contractor, in carrying out this Contract, shall comply with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California, and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities.
769	QUALITY OF WATER
770	16. (a) Project facilities used to deliver Project Water to the Contractor pursuant to
771	this Contract shall be operated and maintained to enable the United States to deliver Project Water to
772	the Contractor in accordance with the water quality standards specified in subsection 2(b) of the Act
773	of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 865), as added by Section 101 of the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat.
774	3050) or other existing Federal laws. The United States is under no obligation to construct or furnish
775	water treatment facilities to maintain or to improve the quality of Water Delivered to the Contractor
776	pursuant to this Contract. The United States does not warrant the quality of Water Delivered to the
777	Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
778	(b) The O&M of Project facilities shall be performed in such manner as is
779	practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through such facilities at the highest
780	level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be
781	responsible for compliance with all State and Federal water quality standards applicable to surface
782	and subsurface agricultural drainage discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractor
783	facilities or Project Water provided by the Contractor within the Contractor's Service Area.

784	(c) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing when drainage
785	service becomes available. Thereafter, the Contracting Officer shall provide drainage service to the
786	Contractor at rates established pursuant to the then-existing ratesetting policy for irrigation water;
787	Provided, that such ratesetting policy shall be amended, modified, or superceded only through the
788	process described in subdivision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract.

WATER ACQUIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

791 17. (a) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor other 792 than from the United States and Irrigation Water furnished pursuant to the terms of this Contract may 793 be simultaneously transported through the same distribution facilities of the Contractor subject to the 794 following: (i) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation Water and non-Project water were 795 constructed without funds made available pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, the provisions of 796 Federal Reclamation law will be applicable only to the Landholders of lands which receive Irrigation 797 Water; (ii) the eligibility of land to receive Irrigation Water must be established through the 798 certification requirements as specified in the Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations (43 CFR Part 799 426); (iii) the water requirements of Eligible Lands within the Contractor's Service Area can be 800 established and the quantity of Irrigation Water to be utilized is less than or equal to the quantity 801 necessary to irrigate such Eligible Lands; and (iv) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation 802 Water and non-Project water are/were constructed with funds made available pursuant to Federal 803 Reclamation law, the non-Project water will be subject to the acreage limitation provisions of Federal 804 Reclamation law, unless the Contractor pays to the United States the incremental fee described in 43 805 CFR 426.15. In determining the incremental fee, the Contracting Officer will calculate annually the 39

806	cost to the Federal Government, including interest, of storing or delivering non-Project water, which
807	for purposes of this Contract shall be determined as follows: The quotient shall be the unpaid
808	distribution system costs divided by the total irrigable acreage within the Contractor's Service Area.
809	The incremental fee per acre is the mathematical result of such quotient times the interest rate
810	determined using Section 202 (3) of the Act of October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263). Such incremental
811	fee will be charged to each acre of excess or full cost land within the Contractor's Service Area that
812	receives non-Project water through Federally financed or constructed facilities. The incremental fee
813	calculation methodology will continue during the term of this Contract absent the promulgation of a
814	contrary Reclamation-wide rule, regulation or policy adopted after the Contractor has been afforded
815	the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed rule, regulation or policy. If such rule,
816	regulation or policy is adopted it shall supercede this provision.
817	(b) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor,
818	other than from the United States may be stored, conveyed and/or diverted through Project facilities,
819	subject to the completion of appropriate environmental documentation, with the approval of the
820	Contracting Officer and the execution of any contract determined by the Contracting Officer to be
821	necessary, consistent with the following provisions:
822	(1) The Contractor may introduce non-Project water into Project facilities
823	and deliver said water to lands within the Contractor's Service Area, including Ineligible Lands,
824	subject to payment to the United States and/or to any applicable Operating Non-Federal Entity of an
825	appropriate rate as determined by the applicable Project ratesetting policy, the RRA, and the Project
826	use power policy, if such Project use power policy is applicable, each as amended, modified or

827 superceded from time to time.

828	(2) Delivery of such non-Project water in and through Project facilities
829	shall only be allowed to the extent such deliveries do not: (i) interfere with other Project purposes as
830	determined by the Contracting Officer; (ii) reduce the quantity or quality of water available to other
831	Project Contractors; (iii) interfere with the delivery of contractual water entitlements to any other
832	Project Contractors; or (iv) interfere with the physical maintenance of the Project facilities.
833	(3) Neither the United States nor the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies)
834	shall be responsible for control, care or distribution of the non-Project water before it is introduced
835	into or after it is delivered from the Project facilities. The Contractor hereby releases and agrees to
836	defend and indemnify the United States and the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), and their
837	respective officers, agents, and employees, from any claim for damage to persons or property, direct
838	or indirect, resulting from the act(s) of the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, in
839	(i) extracting or diverting non-Project water from any source, or (ii) diverting such non-Project water
840	into Project facilities.
841	(4) Diversion of such non-Project water into Project facilities shall be
842	consistent with all applicable laws, and if involving groundwater, consistent with any applicable
843	groundwater management plan for the area from which it was extracted.
844	(5) After Project purposes are met, as determined by the Contracting
845	Officer, the United States and Project Contractors entitled to Project Water from Delta Division
846	Facilities shall share priority to utilize the remaining capacity of the facilities declared to be
847	available by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and transportation of non-Project water prior to

848	any such remaining capacity being made available to non-Project contractors. Other Project
849	Contractors shall have a second priority to any remaining capacity of facilities declared to be
850	available by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and transportation of non-Project water prior to
851	any such remaining capacity being made available to non-Project contractors.

OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

853 18. (a) Where the terms of this Contract provide for actions to be based upon the 854 opinion or determination of either party to this Contract, said terms shall not be construed as 855 permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or 856 determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, expressly 857 reserve the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment for any such arbitrary, capricious, or 858 unreasonable opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be 859 provided in a timely manner. Nothing in this subdivision (a) of this Article is intended to or shall 860 affect or alter the standard of judicial review applicable under Federal law to any opinion or 861 determination implementing a specific provision of Federal law embodied in statute or regulation. 862 (b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this Contract that are consistent with the provisions of this Contract, the laws of the 863 864 United States and of the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the 865 Secretary of the Interior. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to 866 the extent reasonably practicable.

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COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

868	19. (a) In order to further their mutual goals and objectives, the Contracting Officer
869	and the Contractor shall communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with each other, and with other
870	affected Project Contractors, in order to improve the operation and management of the Project. The
871	communication, coordination, and cooperation regarding operations and management shall include,
872	but not be limited to, any action which will or may materially affect the quantity or quality of Project
873	Water supply, the allocation of Project Water supply, and Project financial matters including, but not
874	limited to, budget issues. The communication, coordination, and cooperation provided for hereunder
875	shall extend to all provisions of this Contract. Each party shall retain exclusive decision making
876	authority for all actions, opinions, and determinations to be made by the respective party.
877	(b) Within 120 days following the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor,
878	other affected Project Contractors, and the Contracting Officer shall arrange to meet with interested
879	Project Contractors to develop a mutually agreeable, written Project-wide process, which may be
880	amended as necessary separate and apart from this Contract. The goal of this process shall be to
881	provide, to the extent practicable, the means of mutual communication and interaction regarding
882	significant decisions concerning Project operation and management on a real-time basis.
883	(c) In light of the factors referred to in subdivision (b) of Article 3 of this
884	Contract, it is the intent of the Secretary to improve water supply reliability. To carry out this intent:
885	(1) The Contracting Officer will, at the request of the Contractor, assist in
886	the development of integrated resource management plans for the Contractor. Further, the
887	Contracting Officer will, as appropriate, seek authorizations for implementation of partnerships to

888	improve water supply, water quality, and reliability.
889	(2) The Secretary will, as appropriate, pursue program and project
890	implementation and authorization in coordination with Project Contractors to improve the water
891	supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project purposes.
892	(3) The Secretary will coordinate with Project Contractors and the State of
893	California to seek improved water resource management.
894	(4) The Secretary will coordinate actions of agencies within the
895	Department of the Interior that may impact the availability of water for Project purposes.
896	(5) The Contracting Officer shall periodically, but not less than annually,
897	hold division level meetings to discuss Project operations, division level water management
898	activities, and other issues as appropriate.
899	(d) Without limiting the contractual obligations of the Contracting Officer under
900	the other Articles of this Contract, nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or constrain the
901	Contracting Officer's ability to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with the Contractor or other
902	interested stakeholders or to make decisions in a timely fashion as needed to protect health, safety, or
903	the physical integrity of structures or facilities.
904	CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS
905 906 907 908 909 910	20. (a) The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative and penalty charges on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the due date, the Contractor shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. When a payment becomes 60 days delinquent, the Contractor shall pay an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and processing the delinquent payment. When a payment is delinquent 90 days or more, the Contractor shall pay an additional penalty charge of six percent per

delinquent 90 days or more, the Contractor shall pay an additional penalty charge of six percent per year for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. Further, the Contractor shall pay 910

911 912 any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.

(b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly in
the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the
interest rate of one-half of one percent per month prescribed by Section 6 of the Reclamation Project
Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and
remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.

918 (c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount 919 received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third to the 920 accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

922 21. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

923 The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for (a) 924 employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take 925 affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during 926 employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall 927 include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; 928 recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of payment or other forms of 929 compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in 930 conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by 931 the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed
by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for
employment without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(c) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with
which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be
provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the
Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and
shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for
employment.

941 (d) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order
942 No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of
943 the Secretary of Labor.

944 (e) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by said 945 amended Executive Order and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or

946 pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Contracting Officer

and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules,

948 regulations, and orders.

949 (f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination 950 clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be 951 canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible 952 for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in said amended 953 Executive Order, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in said 954 Executive Order, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided 955 by law.

956 (g) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) in 957 every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the 958 Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of said amended Executive Order, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action 959 with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a 960 means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That 961 in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor 962 963 or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such 964 litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

GENERAL OBLIGATION--BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT

22. (a) The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided in this
Contract is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation
may be distributed among the Contractor's water users and notwithstanding the default of individual
water users in their obligations to the Contractor.

(b) The payment of charges becoming due hereunder is a condition precedent to
receiving benefits under this Contract. The United States shall not make water available to the
Contractor through Project facilities during any period in which the Contractor may be in arrears in
the advance payment of water rates due the United States. The Contractor shall not furnish water
made available pursuant to this Contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the advance
payment of water rates levied or established by the Contractor.

976 (c) With respect to subdivision (b) of this Article, the Contractor shall have no

977 obligation to require advance payment for water rates which it levies.

978 <u>COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS</u>

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23. (a) The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42
U.S.C. 2000d), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-112, as amended), the Age
Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.) and any other applicable civil rights laws, as
well as with their respective implementing regulations and guidelines imposed by the U.S.
Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.

(b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds
of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the
benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving
financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. By executing this Contract, the Contractor
agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to implement this obligation, including
permitting officials of the United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.

(c) The Contractor makes this agreement in consideration of and for the purpose
of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or other Federal financial
assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractor by the Bureau of Reclamation, including
installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance
which were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes and agrees that such Federal
assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Article,
and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement thereof.

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PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE

999 24. (a) The Contractor shall comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) (the
1000 Act) and the Department of the Interior rules and regulations under the Act (43 CFR 2.45 et seq.) in
1001 maintaining Landholder acreage certification and reporting records, required to be submitted to the
1002 Contractor for compliance with Sections 206 and 228 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96
1003 Stat. 1266), and pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18.

(b) With respect to the application and administration of the criminal penalty
provisions of the Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)), the Contractor and the Contractor's employees responsible
for maintaining the certification and reporting records referenced in (a) above are considered to be
employees of the Department of the Interior. See 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

(c) The Contracting Officer or a designated representative shall provide the
 Contractor with current copies of the Interior Department Privacy Act regulations and the Bureau of
 Reclamation Federal Register Privacy Act System of Records Notice (Acreage Limitation--Interior,
 Reclamation-31) which govern the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of information
 contained in the Landholder's certification and reporting records.

1013 (d) The Contracting Officer shall designate a full-time employee of the Bureau of
 1014 Reclamation to be the System Manager who shall be responsible for making decisions on denials
 1015 pursuant to 43 CFR 2.61 and 2.64 amendment requests pursuant to 43 CFR 2.72. The Contractor is

1016 authorized to grant requests by individuals for access to their own records.

(e) The Contractor shall forward promptly to the System Manager each proposed
denial of access under 43 CFR 2.64; and each request for amendment of records filed under 43 CFR
2.71; notify the requester accordingly of such referral; and provide the System Manager with
information and records necessary to prepare an appropriate response to the requester. These
requirements do not apply to individuals seeking access to their own certification and reporting forms
filed with the Contractor pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18, unless the requester elects to cite the Privacy
Act as a basis for the request.

1024 CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

1025	25. In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor pursuant to this					
1026	Contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, within 60 days after receipt of a bill and					
1027	detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Contractor for such specific items of					
1028	direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Contractor associated with this					
1029	Contract plus indirect costs in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policies and					
1030	procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article shall not exceed the amount agreed to in					
1031	writing in advance by the Contractor. This Article shall not apply to costs for routine contract					
1032	administration.					
1033	WATER CONSERVATION					
1034	26. (a) Prior to the delivery of water provided from or conveyed through Federally					
1035	constructed or Federally financed facilities pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall be					
1036	implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the Contractor's water					
1037	conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet the conservation and					
1038	efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law. The water					

- 1039 conservation and efficiency program shall contain definite water conservation objectives, appropriate

1040	economically feasible water conservation measures, and time schedules for meeting those objectives.					
1041	Continued Project Water delivery pursuant to this Contract shall be contingent upon the Contractor's					
1042	continued implementation of such water conservation program. In the event the Contractor's water					
1043	conservation plan or any revised water conservation plan completed pursuant to subdivision (d) of					
1044	this Article 26 have not yet been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet such criteria, due to					
1045	circumstances which the Contracting Officer determines are beyond the control of the Contractor,					
1046	water deliveries shall be made under this Contract so long as the Contractor diligently works with the					
1047	Contracting Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest practicable date, and thereafter the					
1048	Contractor immediately begins implementing its water conservation and efficiency program in					
1049	accordance with the time schedules therein.					
1050	(b) Should the amount of M&I Water delivered pursuant to subdivision (a) of					
1051	Article 3 of this Contract equal or exceed 2,000 acre-feet per Year, the Contractor shall implement					
1052	the Best Management Practices identified by the time frames issued by the California Urban Water					
1053	Conservation Council for such M&I Water unless any such practice is determined by the Contracting					
1054	Officer to be inappropriate for the Contractor.					
1055	(c) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a report on the status of					
1056	its implementation of the water conservation plan on the reporting dates specified in the then existing					
1057	conservation and efficiency criteria established under Federal law.					
1058	(d) At five year intervals, the Contractor shall revise its water conservation plan to					
1059	reflect the then current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans					
1060	established under Federal law and submit such revised water management plan to the Contracting					

- 1061 Officer for review and evaluation. The Contracting Officer will then determine if the water
- 1062 conservation plan meets Reclamation's then current conservation and efficiency criteria for
- 1063 evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law.
- 1064 (e) If the Contractor is engaged in direct groundwater recharge, such activity shall
 1065 be described in the Contractor's water conservation plan.
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EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

- 1067 27. Except as specifically provided in Article 17 of this Contract, the provisions of this 1068 Contract shall not be applicable to or affect non-project water or water rights now owned or hereafter 1069 acquired by the Contractor or any user of such water within the Contractor's Service Area. Any such 1070 water shall not be considered Project Water under this Contract. In addition, this Contract shall not 1071 be construed as limiting or curtailing any rights which the Contractor or any water user within the 1072 Contractor's Service Area acquires or has available under any other contract pursuant to Federal 1073 Reclamation law. 1074 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER
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<u>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATEF</u> <u>AUTHORITY</u>

107628. (a)The O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor, and1077responsibility for funding a portion of the costs of such O&M, have been transferred to the San Luis1078& Delta-Mendota Water Authority, an Operating Non-Federal Entity by separate agreement (8-07-107920-X0354) between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota1080Water Authority. That separate agreement shall not interfere with or affect the rights or obligations1081of the Contractor or the United States hereunder.

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(b) The Contracting Officer has previously notified the Contractor in writing that 50

1083	the O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor has been transferred to					
1084	Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and therefore, the					
1085	Contractor shall pay directly to Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water					
1086	Authority, or to any successor approved by the Contracting Officer under the terms and conditions of					
1087	the separate agreement between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis &					
1088	Delta-Mendota Water Authority, described in subdivision (a) of this Article, all rates, charges, or					
1089	assessments of any kind, including any assessment for reserve funds, which Operating Non-Federal					
1090	Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or such successor determines, sets, or establishes					
1091	for the O&M of the portion of the Project facilities operated and maintained by Operating Non-					
1092	Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or such successor. Such direct payments					
1093	to Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or such successor shall					
1094	not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to pay directly to the United States the Contractor's share					
1095	of the Project Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Components except to the extent the Operating					
1096	Non-Federal Entity collects payments on behalf of the United States in accordance with subdivision					
1097	(a) of this Article.					
1098	(c) For so long as the O&M of any portion of the Project facilities serving the					
1099	Contractor is performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water					
1100	Authority, or any successor thereto, the Contracting Officer shall adjust those components of the					
1101	Rates for Water Delivered under this Contract representing the cost associated with the activity being					

1103 successor.

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performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or its

1104	(d) In the event the O&M of the Project facilities operated and maintained by					
1105	Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority is re-assumed by the					
1106	United States during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractor,					
1107	in writing, and present to the Contractor a revised Exhibit "B" which shall include the portion of the					
1108	Rates to be paid by the Contractor for Project Water under this Contract representing the O&M costs					
1109	of the portion of such Project facilities which have been re-assumed. The Contractor shall, thereafter,					
1110	in the absence of written notification from the Contracting Officer to the contrary, pay the Rates,					
1111	Charges, and the Tiered Pricing Component specified in the revised Exhibit "B" directly to the					
1112	United States in compliance with Article 7 of this Contract.					
1113 1114 1115	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER <u>RESOURCES</u>					
1115	28.1 (a) The O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor, and					
1117	responsibility for funding a portion of the costs of such O&M, have been transferred to the California					
1118	Department of Water Resources, an Operating Non-Federal Entity by a separate agreement (14-06-					
1119	200-9755) between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of					
1120	Water Resources. This separate agreement shall not interfere with or affect the rights or obligations					
1121	of the Contractor or the United States hereunder.					
1122	(b) The Contracting Officer has previously notified the Contractor in writing that					
1123	the O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor has been transferred to					
1124	Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, and the Contractor shall					
1125	pay directly to Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or to any					
1126	successor approved by the Contracting Officer under the terms and conditions of the separate					

1127	agreement between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota					
1128	Water Authority, described in subdivision (a) of Article 28 of this Contract, all rates, charges, or					
1129	assessments of any kind, including any assessment for reserve funds, which Operating Non-Federal					
1130	Entity California Department of Water Resources, or such successor determines, sets, or establishes					
1131	for the O&M of the portion of the Project facilities operated and maintained by Operating Non-					
1132	Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, or such successor. Such direct payments					
1133	to Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or such successor shall					
1134	not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to pay directly to the United States the Contractor's share					
1135	of the Project Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Components except to the extent the Operating					
1136	Non-Federal Entity collects payments on behalf of the United States in accordance with the separate					
1137	agreement identified in subdivision (a) of Article 28 of this Contract.					
1138	(c) For so long as the O&M of any portion of the Project facilities serving the					
1139	Contractor is performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources,					
1140	or any successor thereto, the Contracting Officer shall adjust those components of the Rates for					
1141	Water Delivered under this Contract representing the cost associated with the activity being					
1142	performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, or its					
1143	successor.					

(d) In the event the O&M of the Project facilities operated and maintained by

1145 Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources is re-assumed by the

1146 United States during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractor,

1147	in writing, and present to the Contractor a revised Exhibit "B" which shall include the portion of the					
1148	Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component(s) to be paid by the Contractor for Project Water					
1149	under this Contract representing the O&M costs of the portion of such Project facilities which have					
1150	been re-assumed. The Contractor shall, thereafter, in the absence of written notification from the					
1151	Contracting Officer to the contrary, pay the Rates, Charges, and Tiered Pricing Component(s)					
1152	specified in the revised Exhibit "B" directly to the United States in compliance with Article 7 of this					
1153	Contract.					
1154 1155	PUMPING PLANTS, POWER FOR PUMPING PLANTS, AND TRANSFER OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TO THE CONTRACTOR					
1156	28.2. (a) The United States shall furnish and install pumping plants and furnish the					
1157	amount of Project power the Contracting Officer determines is necessary to deliver Project Water to					
1158	the Contractor from the Delta-Mendota and San Luis Canals at the point(s) of delivery identified					
1159	pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 5 at heads and elevations sufficient to irrigate by gravity the					
1160	areas within the Contractor's Service Area below 700 feet mean sea level elevation.					
1161	(b) With advance approval of the Contracting Officer, the Contractor may, at its					
1162	own expense, furnish and install pumping facilities, and related electrical equipment, to enable it to					
1163	divert and deliver Project Water from the Delta-Mendota and San Luis Canals before the United					
1164	States furnishes and installs all the pumping plants referred to in subdivision (a) of this Article. The					
1165	United States shall furnish the amount of Project power needed to operate such pumping facilities;					
1166	Provided, That the Contractor maintains an agreement with an entity to convey such power to such					
1167	facilities, and the Contractor agrees to pay any and all charges assessed by that entity for such					
1168	service.					

1169	(c) The furnishing of power by the United States shall be in conformance with				
1170	operating criteria, rules, and regulations, including the project use power policy, established by the				
1171	Contracting Officer; Provided, That any such operating criteria, rules, and regulations, including the				
1172	project use power policy, established by the Contracting Officer shall not excuse the United States				
1173	from its obligation under subdivision (a) of this Article. Such operating criteria, rules, and				
1174	regulations shall be developed in cooperation with the Contractor and shall be based on acceptable				
1175	irrigation management practices and the power generation capacity available to the United States for				
1176	the furnishing of Project water to the Contractor.				
1177	(d) The Contractor hereby agrees to operate and maintain, at its own expense, all				
1178	of the pumping facilities described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this Article in such a manner that				
1179	they remain in good and efficient condition; Provided, That the United States shall finance the costs				
1180	of all major replacements that the Contracting Officer determines are needed.				
1181	(e) The Contracting Officer or his representative shall at all times have access to				
1182	and may inspect and investigate the pumping facilities for the purpose of ascertaining if they are				
1183	being kept in safe and proper operating condition.				
1184	(f) No change in any of the pumping facilities, which in the opinion of the				
1185	Contracting Officer is substantial, shall be made by the Contractor without first obtaining the written				
1186	consent of the Contracting Officer. The Contractor promptly shall make any and all repairs and				
1187	replacements to the pumping facilities which in the opinion of the Contracting Officer are necessary.				
1188	In the event the Contractor neglects or fails to make such repairs and replacements or in the event of				
1189	operation by the United States of the pumping facilities pursuant to subdivision (i) of this Article, the				

United States may cause the repairs and replacements to be made and the cost thereof, as determined by the Contracting Officer, shall be paid by the Contractor to the United States upon notice of the payment due but not later than April 1 of the year following that during which such work was completed.

1194 In the event the Contracting Officer determines that the Contractor has not (g) 1195 properly cared for, operated, and maintained said pumping facilities or has failed to comply with any 1196 of the provisions of this Article, then at the election of the Contracting Officer the United States may 1197 take over from the Contractor the care and O&M of the pumping facilities by giving written notice to 1198 the Contractor of such election and the effective date thereof. Thereafter during the period of 1199 operation by the United States the Contractor shall pay to the United States in advance of the use of 1200 such pumping facilities the Contractor's share of the cost of O&M thereof and replacements 1201 therefore, as fixed in notices from the Contracting Officer. In the event such advances are inadequate 1202 to properly care for, operate, and maintain the pumping facilities to the end of any year, the 1203 Contracting Officer may give written notice of a supplemental O&M charge and the Contractor shall 1204 pay such amount on or before the date specified in said notice. Any amount of such advances 1205 remaining unexpended or unobligated, at the option of the Contractor, either shall be refunded or 1206 credited upon amounts to become due to the United States from the Contractor under the provisions 1207 of this Contract in subsequent years. The pumping facilities so taken back by the United States may 1208 be returned to the Contractor upon the furnishing to the Contractor of a written 90-day notice of 1209 intention to retransfer.

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(h) The Contractor shall hold the United States, its officers and employees

1211	harmless from every and all claim for damages to persons or property arising out of or connected				
1212	with the Contractor's O&M of the pumping facilities referred to in this Article; Provided, That				
1213	nothing contained herein shall be construed as an assumption of liability by the Contractor to parties				
1214	other than the United States with respect to such matters.				
1215	(i) During the time the pumping facilities are operated and maintained by the				
1216	Contractor, in addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor under this Contract, the				
1217	Contractor shall pay to the United States pursuant to Article 25 hereof, costs incurred by the United				
1218	States for work associated with the pumping facilities under this Contract normally charged by the				
1219	United States to water users and properly and equitably chargeable to the Contractor.				
1220	(j) The Contracting Officer may make review of any part or all of the pumping				
1221	facilities being operated by the Contractor pursuant to this Article to assist the Contractor in				
1222	assessing the condition of facilities and the adequacy of the maintenance program(s). The				
1223	Contracting Officer shall prepare reports based on the examinations, inspections or audits, and				
1224	furnish copies of such reports and any recommendations to the Contractor. The Contractor shall				
1225	reimburse the actual cost				
1226	incurred by the United States in making O&M examinations, inspections, and audits, and preparing				

associated reports and recommendations.

(k) If deemed necessary by the Contracting Officer or requested by the Contractor,
special inspections of the pumping facilities being operated by the Contractor and of the Contractor's
books and records may be made to ascertain the extent of any O&M deficiencies, to determine the

- 1231 remedial measures required for their correction, and to assist the Contractor in solving specific
- 1232 problems. Any special inspection or audit shall, except in a case of emergency, be made after written
- 1233 notice to the Contractor and the actual cost thereof shall be paid by the Contractor to the United
- 1234 States.

CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

1236 29. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the United States under this Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds. 1237 Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligations 1238 1239 under this Contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated 1240 or allotted. 1241

BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS

1242 30. (a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including: the 1243 1244 Contractor's financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way agreements; 1245 the water users' land-use (crop census), land ownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other 1246 matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the 1247 Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. 1248 Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Contract shall have the right 1249 during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records relating to matters covered by this Contract. 1250

- 1251 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a) of this Article, no books,
- 1252 records, or other information shall be requested from the Contractor by the Contracting Officer unless
- 1253 such books, records, or information are reasonably related to the administration or performance of
- 1254 this Contract. Any such request shall allow the Contractor a reasonable period of time within which
- to provide the requested books, records, or information. 1255
- 1256 At such time as the Contractor provides information to the Contracting Officer (c)
- 1257 pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article, a copy of such information shall be provided to the
- 1258 Operating Non-Federal Entity.
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1259	ASSIGNMENT LIMITED SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED					
1260 1261 1262	31. (a) The provisions of this Contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this Contract or any right or interest therein shall be valid until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.					
1263	(b) The assignment of any right or interest in this Contract by either party shall not					
1264	interfere with the rights or obligations of the other party to this Contract absent the written					
1265	concurrence of said other party.					
1266	(c) The Contracting Officer shall not unreasonably condition or withhold approval					
1267	of any proposed assignment.					
1268	<u>SEVERABILITY</u>					
1269	32. In the event that a person or entity who is neither (i) a party to a Project contract, nor					
1270	(ii) a person or entity that receives Project Water from a party to a Project contract, nor (iii) an					
1271	association or other form of organization whose primary function is to represent parties to Project					
1272	contracts, brings an action in a court of competent jurisdiction challenging the legality or					
1273	enforceability of a provision included in this Contract and said person, entity, association, or					
1274	organization obtains a final court decision holding that such provision is legally invalid or					
1275	unenforceable and the Contractor has not intervened in that lawsuit in support of the plaintiff(s), the					
1276	parties to this Contract shall use their best efforts to (i) within 30 days of the date of such final court					
1277	decision identify by mutual agreement the provisions in this Contract which must be revised and (ii)					
1278	within three months thereafter promptly agree on the appropriate revision(s). The time periods					
1279	specified above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Pending the completion of the					
1280	actions designated above, to the extent it can do so without violating any applicable provisions of					

- 1281 law, the United States shall continue to make the quantities of Project Water specified in this
- 1282 Contract available to the Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Contract which were not found
- 1283 to be legally invalid or unenforceable in the final court decision.

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- 1285 33. Should any dispute arise concerning any provisions of this Contract, or the parties'
- 1286 rights and obligations thereunder, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the
- 1287 dispute. Prior to the Contractor commencing any legal action, or the Contracting Officer referring
- 1288 any matter to the Department of Justice, the party shall provide to the other party 30 days' written
- 1289 notice of the intent to take such action; Provided, That such notice shall not be required where a
- 1290 delay in commencing an action would prejudice the interests of the party that intends to file suit.
- 1291 During the 30 day notice period, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer shall meet and confer in
- 1292 an attempt to resolve the dispute. Except as specifically provided, nothing herein is intended to
- 1293 waive or abridge any right or remedy that the Contractor or the United States may have.

OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

1294 34. No Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner, or official of the
1295 Contractor shall benefit from this Contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same
1296 manner as other water users or landowners.

1297 CHANGES IN CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA

1298 35. (a) While this Contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Contractor's
1299 Service Area, by inclusion or exclusion of lands, dissolution, consolidation, merger, or otherwise,
1300 except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.

- 1301 (b) Within 30 days of receipt of a request for such a change, the Contracting
- 1302 Officer will notify the Contractor of any additional information required by the Contracting Officer
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1303	for processing said request, and both parties will meet to establish a mutually agreeable schedule for					
1304	timely completion of the process. Such process will analyze whether the proposed change is likely					
1305	to: (i) result in the use of Project Water contrary to the terms of this Contract; (ii) impair the ability of					
1306	the Contractor to pay for Project Water furnished under this Contract or to pay for any Federally-					
1307	constructed facilities for which the Contractor is responsible; and (iii) have an impact on any Project					
1308	Water rights applications, permits, or licenses. In addition, the Contracting Officer shall comply with					
1309	the NEPA and the ESA. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred by the Contracting					
1310	Officer in this process, and such costs will be paid in accordance with Article 25 of this Contract.					
	FEDERAL LAWS					
1311	36. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive its rights to contest the					

1311 36. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive its rights to contest the
validity or application in connection with the performance of the terms and conditions of this
Contract of any Federal law or regulation; <u>Provided</u>, That the Contractor agrees to comply with the
terms and conditions of this Contract unless and until relief from application of such Federal law or
regulation to the implementing provision of the Contract is granted by a court of competent
iurisdiction.

NOTICES

1318 37. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this Contract shall be
1319 deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contractor, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered
1320 to the Area Manager, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721, and on
1321 behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Board of Directors of
1322 the San Luis Water District, 1015 6th Street, Los Banos, California 93635. The designation of the
1323 addressee or the address may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided in this
1324 Article for other notices.

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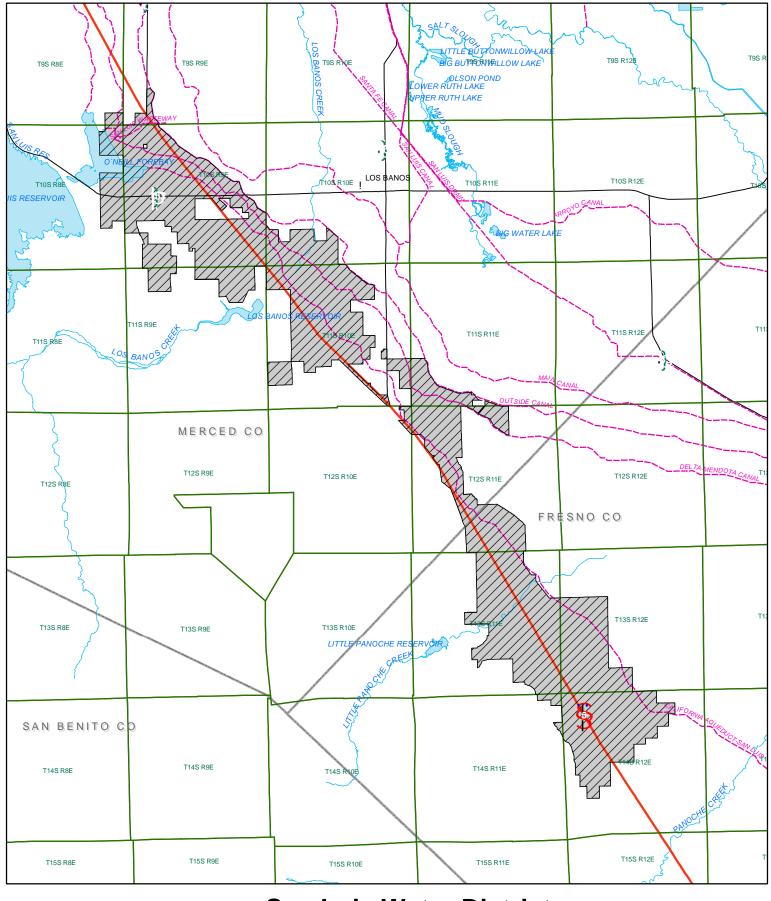
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CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT

1326 38. The Contractor, after the execution of this Contract, shall promptly seek to secure a
1327 decree of a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of California, confirming the execution of this
1328 Contract. The Contractor shall furnish the United States a certified copy of the final decree, the
1329 validation proceedings, and all pertinent supporting records of the court approving and confirming
1330 this Contract, and decreeing and adjudging it to be lawful, valid, and binding on the Contractor.

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1331	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the day and				
1332	year first above written.				
1333		THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA			
1334		By: Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region			
1335 1336		Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region Bureau of Reclamation			
1337	(SEAL)				
1338		SAN LUIS WATER DISTRICT			
1339		By: President of the Board of Directors			
1340		President of the Board of Directors			
1341	Attest:				
1342	By				
1342	By:Secretary of the Board of Directors	-			

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EXHIBIT B SAN LUIS WATER DISTRICT Water Rates and Charges

	2004 Rates Per Acre-Foot		
	Irrigation Water	Irrigation Water	<u>M&I Water</u>
COST-OF-SERVICE (COS) RATES:	SLC	DMC	
Capital Rates:	\$19.80	\$10.50	(\$10.97)
O&M Rates:			
Water Marketing	\$7.59	\$7.59	\$5.01
Storage	\$5.83	\$5.83	\$6.38
Conveyance	*		*
Direct Pumping (Project Use Energy)	\$2.51		
Tracy Pumping	*		*
San Luis Drain			
Deficit Rates:			
Non-Interest Bearing			
Interest Bearing			
TOTAL COST-OF-SERVICE RATES (COS):	\$35.73	\$23.92	\$15.00
<u>M&I FULL-COST RATE</u> :			(\$6.47)
FULL-COST RATES:			
Section 202(3) Rate is applicable to a Qualified Recipient or			
to a Limited Recipient receiving irrigation water on or before October 1, 1981.	\$53.54	\$35.56	
	ψ55.54	\$55.50	
205 FULL-COST RATES: Section 205(a)(3) Rate is applicable to a Qualified Recipient			
or to a Limited Recipient that did not receive irrigation water			
on or before October 1, 1981.	\$63.99	\$42.63	
Tiered Pricing Component >80% <=90% of Contract Total [Full Cost Rate - COS Rate /2]:			
Total [Full Cost Rate - COS Rate /2].			
Tiered Pricing Component >90% of Contract			
Total [Full Cost Rate - COS Rate]:			
SURCHARGES UNDER P.L. 102-575			
TO RESTORATION FUND**	\$7.82	\$7.82	\$15.64
	+	+	
* Conveyance and Conveyance Pumping Operation and maintenance costs were removed for ratesetting purposes and are to be billed directly to the water authorities.			

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** The surcharges are payments in addition to the water rates and were determined pursuant to Title XXXIV of Public Law 102-575. Restoration fund surcharges under P.L. 102-575 are on a fiscal year basis (10/1-9/30).