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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
Central Valley Project, California

WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES  
AND

DIVERTER OF WATER FROM SACRAMENTO RIVER SOURCES  
SETTLING WATER RIGHTS DISPUTES AND  
PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE AND AGREEMENT ON  
DIVERSION OF WATER

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THIS CONTRACT, hereinafter referred to as "Settlement Contract," is entered into by THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the United States, made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, in pursuance pursuant to the applicable authority granted to it generally of in the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, including, but not limited to, the Acts of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844), as amended and supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented, including but not limited to Sections 9 and 14 thereto, July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1262), October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), as amended, and Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706), all collectively hereinafter referred to as Federal Reclamation law, ~~between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the United States,~~ and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the Contractor, a public agency of the State of California, duly organized, existing, and

1 acting pursuant to the laws thereof, with its principal place of business in California;  
2 (*may change depending on contracting entity*)

3 WITNESSETH, ~~That~~ that:

4 EXPLANATORY RECITALS

5 [1<sup>st</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central  
6 Valley Project, California, for multiple purposes pursuant to its statutory authority, ~~for~~  
7 ~~diversion, storage, carriage, distribution and beneficial use, for flood control, irrigation,~~  
8 ~~municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and wildlife mitigation, protection and restoration,~~  
9 ~~generation and distribution of electric energy, salinity control, navigation and other~~  
10 ~~beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River, the American River, the Trinity River,~~  
11 ~~and the San Joaquin River and their tributaries;~~ and

12 [2<sup>nd</sup>] WHEREAS, the Contractor ~~asserts that~~ it has rights to divert, is diverting,  
13 and will continue to divert for reasonable beneficial use, water from the natural flow of  
14 the Sacramento River and tributaries thereto, that would have been flowing therein if the  
15 Central Valley Project were not in existence; and [Contractor Specific – “Other” Rights]

16 [3<sup>rd</sup>] WHEREAS, the construction and operation of the integrated and  
17 coordinated Central Valley Project has changed and will further change the regimen of  
18 the Sacramento, American, San Joaquin, and Trinity Rivers and the Sacramento-San  
19 Joaquin Delta from unregulated flow to regulated flow; and

20 [4<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States ~~asserts that~~ it has rights to divert, is diverting,  
21 and will continue to divert waters from said Rivers and said Delta in connection with the  
22 operation of said Central Valley Project, and

1 [5<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States had a dispute over the  
2 nature, extent and relative priority of their respective water rights of the parties to divert  
3 and use water from the regulated flow of the Sacramento River which threatened to result  
4 in the initiation of an adjudication of the relevant stream systems litigation, and as a  
5 means to settle that dispute entered into Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_, as amended,  
6 hereinafter referred to as the Existing Contract, which established terms for the delivery  
7 to the Contractor of Central Valley Project Water, and the quantities of Base Supply the  
8 United States and the Contractor agreed may has a right to be diverted by the Contractor  
9 from the Sacramento River pursuant to such contract. from \_\_\_\_\_ through  
10 March 31, 2004; and

11 6<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS, although the United States and the Contractor and the United  
12 States have a current dispute over the meaning and intent of Articles 9 and 5 of the  
13 Existing Contract, including litigation, but nonetheless without prejudicing the respective  
14 parties' positions with respect to that litigation has requested desire to enter into the long-  
15 term renewal of the Existing Contract, disagree with respect to the authority of the United  
16 States to change the quantities of Base Supply and/or Project water specified in this  
17 Contract from the quantities specified in the Existing Contract. That dispute is being  
18 litigated in a lawsuit entitled GCID v. United States of America, Civ. No. S-01-1816  
19 GEB/JFM (E.D. CA). Both the Contractor and the United States are willing to agree to  
20 the dismissal of that lawsuit without waiving or otherwise prejudicing their respective  
21 right to assert whatever arguments and defenses either of them believe is appropriate if  
22 that issue is subsequently litigated and enter into this Settlement Contract, pursuant to the  
23 terms of the Existing Contract, Federal Reclamation law, and the laws of the State of

1 California, ~~and the United States has determined that the Contractor has~~ Parties have  
2 fulfilled all of its ~~their respective~~ obligations under the Existing Contract; and

3 7<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS, to assure the Contractor of the enjoyment and use of the  
4 regulated flow of the said Rivers and the Delta, and to provide for the economical  
5 operation of the Central Valley Project by, and the reimbursement to, the United States  
6 for expenditures made for said Project;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the performance of the herein  
8 contained provisions, conditions, and covenants, it is agreed as follows:

9 DEFINITIONS

10 1. When used herein, unless otherwise expressed or incompatible with the intent  
11 hereof, the term:

12 (a) "Base Supply" shall mean the quantity of water established in Articles 3  
13 and 5 ~~which the United States agrees may be diverted by that the Contractor has a right to~~  
14 ~~divert~~ from the Sacramento River each month during the period April through October of  
15 each Year without payment to the United States for such quantities diverted;

16 (b) "Charges" shall mean the payments for Project Water as determined  
17 annually by the Contracting Officer which the Contractor is required by Federal  
18 Reclamation law ~~agreed to pursuant to this Settlement Contract~~ to pay to the United  
19 States in addition to the "Rates" specified in this Contract. The nature and extent type  
20 and amount of each Charges as well as categories of Charges is shall be specified in the  
21 attached Exhibit "D" ~~as determined annually by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this~~  
22 Contract;

1 (c) "Contract Total" shall mean the sum of the Base Supply and Project  
2 Water available for diversion by the Contractor for the period April 1 through October  
3 31;

4 (d) "Critical Year" shall mean any Year in which either of the following  
5 eventualities exists:

6 (1) The forecasted full natural inflow to Shasta Lake for the current Water  
7 Year, as such forecast is made by the United States on or before February 15 and  
8 reviewed as frequently thereafter as conditions and information warrant, is equal to or  
9 less than ~~three~~ 3.2 million ~~two hundred thousand (3,200,000)~~ acre-feet; or

10 (2) The total accumulated actual deficiencies below ~~four~~ 4 million  
11 ~~(4,000,000)~~ acre-feet in the immediately prior Water Year or series of successive prior  
12 Water Years each of which had inflows of less than ~~four~~ 4 million ~~(4,000,000)~~ acre-feet,  
13 together with the forecasted deficiency for the current Water Year, exceed ~~eight hundred~~  
14 ~~thousand (800,000)~~ acre-feet. For the purpose of determining a Critical Year the  
15 computed inflow to Shasta Lake ~~as it would have existed~~ under present upstream  
16 development above Shasta Lake ~~as of September 1, 1963~~ shall be used as the full natural  
17 inflow to Shasta Lake. In the event that major construction occurs above Shasta Lake  
18 after April 1, 2004, September 1, 1963, which materially alters the present regimen of the  
19 stream systems contributing to Shasta Lake, the computed inflow to Shasta Lake used to  
20 define a Critical Year will, be adjusted to eliminate the effect of such material alterations.  
21 After consultation with the State of California, the National Weather Service, and other  
22 recognized forecasting agencies, the Contracting Officer will select the forecast to be  
23 used and will make the details of it available to the Contractor. The same forecasts used

1 by the United States for the operation of the Project shall be used to make the forecasts  
2 hereunder;

3 (e) "CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Title  
4 XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706);

5 (f) "Eligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Project Water may be  
6 delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the Reclamation Reform Act of October 12,  
7 1982 (96 Stat. 1263), as amended, hereinafter referred to as RRA;

8 (g) "Excess Lands" shall mean all lands in excess of the limitations contained  
9 in Section 204 of the RRA, other than those lands exempt from acreage limitation under  
10 Federal Reclamation law;

11 (h) "Full Cost Rate" shall mean that water rate described in Sections  
12 205(a)(3) or 202(3) of the RRA, whichever is applicable;

13 (i) "Ineligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Project Water may not be  
14 delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the RRA;

15 (j) "Landholder" shall mean a party that directly or indirectly owns or leases  
16 nonexempt land, as provided in 43 CFR 426.2;

17 (k) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United  
18 States and managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;

19 (l) "Project Water" shall mean all water diverted or scheduled to be diverted  
20 each month during the period April through October of each Year by the Contractor from  
21 the Sacramento River which is in excess of the Base Supply. The United States  
22 recognizes the right of the Contractor to make arrangements for acquisition of water from  
23 projects of others than the United States for delivery through the Sacramento River and



1 tributaries subject to written agreement between Contractor and the United States as to  
2 identification of such water which water when so identified shall not be deemed Project  
3 Water under this ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract;

4 (m) "Rates" shall mean the payments for Project Water determined annually  
5 by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the then current applicable water  
6 ratesetting policies for the Project, as described in subdivision (a) of Article 8 of this  
7 Settlement Contract;

8 (n) "Secretary" or "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the  
9 Interior, a duly appointed successor, or an authorized representative acting pursuant to  
10 any authority of the Secretary and through any agency of the Department of the Interior;

11 (o) "Water Year" shall mean the period commencing with October 1 of one  
12 year and extending through September 30 of the next; and

13 (p) "Year" shall mean a calendar year.

14 TERM OF SETTLEMENT CONTRACT

15 2. (a) This ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract shall become effective April 1, 2004,  
16 and shall remain in effect until and including March 31, 2044: Provided, That that under  
17 terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the parties hereto, renewals may be made for  
18 successive periods not to exceed ~~forty~~ (40) years each. The terms and conditions of each  
19 renewal shall be agreed upon not later than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the then  
20 existing ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract;

21 (b) Provided further, That that, With respect to Project Water and the portions of  
22 this Settlement Contract pertaining thereto, uUpon written request by the Contractor of  
23 the Secretary made not later than one (1) year prior to the expiration of this ~~contract~~

1 Settlement Contract, whenever, account being taken of the amount then credited to the  
2 costs of construction of water supply works, the remaining amount of construction costs  
3 of water supply work which is properly assignable for ultimate return by the Contractor  
4 as established by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to (3) of Section 1 of Public Law  
5 643 (70 Stat. 483), probably can be repaid to the United States within the term of a  
6 contract under subsection 9(d) ~~of Section 9~~ of the 1939 Reclamation Project Act (53  
7 Stat. 1187), the relevant portions of ~~then~~ this contract Settlement Contract may be  
8 converted to a contract under said subsection 9(d) upon terms and conditions mutually  
9 agreeable to the United States and the Contractor. The Secretary shall make a  
10 determination 10 years after the date of execution of this Contract, and every five years  
11 thereafter, of whether a conversion to a contract under said subsection 9(d) can be  
12 accomplished pursuant to Public Law 643. Notwithstanding any provision of this  
13 ~~contract Settlement Contract~~, the Contractor reserves and shall have all rights and  
14 benefits under Public Law 643.

#### 15 WATER TO BE FURNISHED TO CONTRACTOR

16 3. (a) Subject to the conditions, limitations, and provisions hereinafter expressed,  
17 the Contractor is hereby entitled and authorized to divert from the Sacramento River at  
18 the locations ~~shown in identified on Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B~~, for beneficial use  
19 within the area delineated on Exhibit B, (both Exhibits are attached hereto and made a  
20 part hereof), the Contract Total designated in Exhibit A, or any revision thereof, in  
21 accordance with the monthly operating schedule required by Article 3(~~bc~~) of this ~~contract~~  
22 Settlement Contract. The quantity of any ~~surface~~ water diverted under this Settlement  
23 Contract from the Sacramento River, during the period April through October, for use on

1 any lands delineated on Exhibit B, by the owner of such lands or otherwise shall  
2 constitute a part of the Contract Total as shown on Exhibit A and shall be subject to all  
3 the provisions of this ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract relating to such Contract Total as if  
4 such diversion were made by the Contractor.

5 [NOTE: contractor-specific language dealing with individual water rights may be  
6 needed.]

7 (b) The Contractor may have acquired rights to divert water from the  
8 Sacramento River during the period April through October, which were obtained after the  
9 date of execution of the Existing Contract. All diversions made from the Sacramento  
10 River, pursuant to such rights, during the period April through October, shall not be  
11 considered a part of the quantity of Base Supply and Project Water specified in Exhibit  
12 A; Provided, that the quantities diverted pursuant to the above rights shall be identified  
13 on the schedule submitted pursuant to Article 3(c) below.

14 ~~(b)c) The United States recognizes the need of the Contractor to vary from~~  
15 ~~time to time its monthly diversions of water from the quantities shown in Exhibit A, or~~  
16 ~~any revision thereof.~~ Before April 1 and before the first day of each month thereafter of  
17 ~~each Year~~, the Contractor shall submit a written schedule to the Contracting Officer  
18 indicating the Contract Total to be diverted by the Contractor during each month under  
19 this contract. The United States shall furnish water to the Contractor in accordance with  
20 the monthly operating schedule or any revisions thereof. However, the United States  
21 recognizes the need of the Contractor to change from time to time its monthly diversions  
22 of water from the quantities shown in Exhibit A; the Contractor may make such changes  
23 provided:

1           (1) that for the quantity of Base Supply diverted in excess of the monthly  
2 quantity shown on Exhibit A, the Contractor shall be charged a fee based upon the  
3 appropriate components of the Project ratesetting policy.

4           (2) Such changes shall be subject to the prior written approval of the  
5 Contracting Officer.

6           (3) Provided, That that in no event shall the total quantity scheduled for  
7 diversion by the Contractor from the Sacramento River:

8           (i) During the period April through October exceed the aggregate of the  
9 Contract Total for those months shown in Exhibit A or any revision thereof;

10           (ii) During the period July through September exceed the aggregate of the  
11 Contract Total for those months shown in Exhibit A or any revision thereof; .and

12 ~~Provided, further, That that with the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer,~~  
13 ~~water to be diverted may be diverted in. The Contractor shall be charged a fee based~~  
14 ~~upon the appropriate components of the water ratesetting policy for the Project for the~~  
15 ~~Base Supply scheduled for diversion in April, May, or June that is diverted in September~~  
16 ~~or October, or vice versa~~

17           (ed) In the event conditions warrant, the Contracting Officer reserves the  
18 right to require the Contractor to submit, at least ~~seventy two (72)~~ hours prior to the  
19 beginning of each weekly period, its estimate of daily diversion requirements for each  
20 such period from the Sacramento River: Provided, however, That that changes during  
21 any such period may be made upon the giving of ~~seventy two (72)~~ hours' notice thereof  
22 to the Contracting Officer.

1           ~~(d)~~ No sale, transfer, exchange, or other disposal of any of the Contract  
2 Total designated in Exhibit A water Project Water (including transfers through  
3 forbearance of diversions) or the right to the use thereof for use on land other than that  
4 shown on Exhibit B shall be made by the Contractor without:

- 5           (1) First obtaining the written consent of the Contracting Officer; and  
6           (2) Compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but  
7 not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act,  
8 and applicable guidelines or regulations then in effect.

9           ~~(e) The sale, transfer, exchange, or other disposal of any Base Supply or the~~  
10 ~~right to the use thereof for use on land other than that shown on Exhibit B shall be made~~  
11 ~~by the Contractor in compliance with all applicable State laws.~~

12           ~~(e f)~~ Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Contractor from diverting  
13 water during the months of November through March for beneficial use on the land  
14 shown on Exhibit B or elsewhere to the extent authorized under the laws of the State of  
15 California.

16           ~~(f g)~~ The United States assumes no responsibility for and neither it nor its  
17 officers, agents, or employees shall have any liability for or on account of:

- 18           (1) The quality of water to be diverted by the Contractor;  
19           (2) The control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of water  
20 diverted by the Contractor outside the facilities constructed and then being operated and  
21 maintained by or on behalf of the United States;

22           (3) Claims of damage of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited  
23 to, property loss or damage, personal injury, or death arising out of or connected with the

1 control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of said water outside of the  
2 hereinabove referred to facilities; and

3 (4) Any damage whether direct or indirect arising out of or in any manner  
4 caused by a shortage of water whether such shortage be on account of errors in operation,  
5 drought, or unavoidable causes.

6 RETURN FLOW

7 4. ~~The United States reserves the right to the use of all~~ Nothing herein shall be  
8 construed as an abandonment or a relinquishment by the United States of any right it may  
9 have ~~the right~~ to the use of any such ~~water~~ Project Water waste, seepage, and return flow  
10 water derived from ~~water~~ Project Water diverted by the Contractor hereunder and which  
11 escapes or is discharged beyond the boundaries of the lands shown on Exhibit B; ~~Nothing~~  
12 ~~herein shall be construed as an abandonment or a relinquishment by the United States the~~  
13 ~~right to the use of any such water Project Water;~~ Provided, That that this shall not be  
14 construed as claiming for the United States any right to such ~~water~~ Project Water which  
15 is recovered by the Contractor pursuant to California law from within the boundaries of  
16 the lands shown on Exhibit B, and which is being used pursuant to this ~~contract~~  
17 Settlement Contract for surface irrigation or underground storage on the lands shown on  
18 Exhibit B by the Contractor, ~~nor is it intended to apply to waste, seepage, and return flow~~  
19 ~~water derived from Base Supply or other non-Project Water diverted or otherwise~~  
20 ~~obtained by Contractor.~~ (*Colusa Basin Drain language may be required*)

21 CONSTRAINTS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER

22 5. (a) ~~In any Water Year that (1) the forecasted full natural inflow to Shasta Lake~~  
23 ~~for the current Water Year, as such forecast is made by the United States on or before~~

1 February 15 and reviewed as frequently thereafter as conditions and information warrant,  
2 is equal to or less than three ~~3.8 million~~ eight hundred thousand (3,800,000) acre feet; or  
3 (2) If the total accumulated actual deficiencies in the full natural inflow to Shasta Lake in  
4 the immediately prior Water Year or series of successive prior Water Years, each of  
5 which had inflows of less than four ~~4 million~~ (4,000,000) acre feet, together with the  
6 forecasted deficiency for the current Water Year, are between 200,000 acre feet and  
7 800,000 acre feet, then the following reductions in the Contractor's monthly Contract  
8 Total shall be imposed:

<u>Deficiency (acre feet)</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
200,000 — 400,000	10 percent
400,001 — 600,000	15 percent
600,001 — 800,000	20 percent

14 (b) In consideration for the reductions in the Contractor's monthly Contract  
15 Total imposed pursuant to the provisions of Article 5(a) above, the United States shall  
16 pay Contractor as follows:

<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Per Acre Foot Compensation</u>
<u>10 percent</u>	<u>\$ X</u>
<u>15 percent</u>	<u>\$ Y for quantities from 10-15%</u>
<u>20 percent</u>	<u>\$ Z for quantities from 15-20%</u>

22 The dollar per-acre compensation shall be tied to or indexed to the increase of  
23 rates for Project Water or CPI [or other].

24 (a e) In a Critical Year, the Contractor's Base Supply and Project Water  
25 agreed to be diverted during the period April through October of the Year in which the  
26 principal portion of the Critical Year occurs and, each monthly quantity of said period  
27 shall be reduced by twenty-five percent (~~25 percent~~ %).

1 (b d) The amount of any overpayment by the Contractor shall, at its option,  
2 be refunded or credited upon amounts to become due to the United States from the  
3 Contractor under the provisions hereof in the ensuing Year. To the extent of such  
4 deficiency such adjustment of overpayment shall constitute the sole remedy of the  
5 Contractor.

6 INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

7 6. The Contractor and United States desire to work together to maximize the  
8 reasonable beneficial use of water to for their mutual benefit. As a consequence, the  
9 United States and the Contractor will work in partnership and with Contractor and others  
10 within the Sacramento Valley, including other Contractors with Settlement Contracts, to  
11 facilitate the better integration within the Sacramento Valley of all water supplies  
12 including, but not limited to, the better management and integration of surface water and  
13 groundwater, the development and better utilization of surface water storage, the  
14 effective utilization of waste, seepage and return flow water, and other operational and  
15 management options that may be identified in the future. This will include, but not be  
16 limited to, the continuation of the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors' pooling  
17 agreements, the agreements with respect to use and re-use of water within the Colusa  
18 Basin Drain, and the Basin Wide Water Management Plan process.

19 USE OF WATER FURNISHED TO CONTRACTOR

20 6 7. (a) Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this contract  
21 Settlement Contract shall not be delivered or furnished by the Contractor for any  
22 purposes other than agricultural purposes without the written consent of the Contracting  
23 Officer. ,including, For purposes of this contract, "agricultural purposes" includes, but is



1 not restricted to, the watering of livestock, incidental domestic use including related  
2 landscape irrigation, or underground water replenishment ~~without written consent of the~~  
3 ~~Contracting Officer.~~

4 (b) Assuming a base line that includes in excess of 40 years of diversions for  
5 agricultural uses of the quantities of water provided for in Article 3, †The Contractor shall  
6 comply with requirements applicable to the Contractor in biological opinion(s) prepared  
7 as a result of a consultation regarding the execution of this Settlement Contract  
8 undertaken pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended,  
9 that are within the Contractor's legal authority to implement. The Contractor shall  
10 comply with the limitations or requirements imposed by environmental documentation  
11 applicable to the Contractor and within its legal authority to implement ~~regarding specific~~  
12 ~~activities, including conversion of Irrigation Water to M&I Water.~~ Nothing herein shall  
13 be construed to prevent the Contractor from challenging or seeking judicial relief in a  
14 court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any biological opinion or other  
15 environmental documentation referred to in this Article.

16 RATE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER

17 7.8. (a) The Contractor shall make payments to the United States as provided in  
18 this Article for all Project Water shown in Exhibit A as follows:

19 (1) seventy-five percent of the amount shown as Project Water shall be  
20 paid for by the Contractor in each Year; and in addition

21 (2) the Contractor shall pay for Project Water actually diverted in excess  
22 of seventy-five percent of the amount shown as Project Water. ~~of this contract~~  
23 Settlement Contract and which is actually diverted by Contractor

1           Such payments shall be at Rates and Charges established in accordance with:  
2           (i) the Secretary’s then-current ratesetting policies for the Project; and (ii) applicable  
3           Reclamation law and associated rules and regulations, or policies: ~~Provided, That if the~~  
4           ~~Contractor desires to use Project Water for other than agricultural use the Rates and~~  
5           ~~Charges set forth above will be adjusted by the Contracting Officer to the applicable~~  
6           ~~Rates and Charges for such use.~~ The Rates and Charges applicable to the Contractor  
7           upon execution of this Settlement Contract are set forth in Exhibit “D”, as may be revised  
8           annually. The Secretary’s ratesetting policies for the Project shall be amended, modified,  
9           or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure.

10           (b) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor of the Rates and  
11           Charges as follows:

12                   [(1) Prior to July 1 of each Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the  
13           Contractor an estimate of the Charges for Project Water that will be applied to the period  
14           October 1, of the current Year, through September 30, of the following Year, and the  
15           basis for such estimate. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two (2) months to  
16           review and comment on such estimates. On or before September 15 of each Year, the  
17           Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Charges to be in effect  
18           during the period October 1 of the current Year, through September 30, of the following  
19           Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit “D.”

20                   (2) Prior to October 1 of each Year, the Contracting Officer shall make  
21           available to the Contractor an estimate of the Rates for Project Water for the following  
22           Year and the computations and cost allocations upon which those Rates are based. The  
23           Contractor shall be allowed not less than two (2) months to review and comment on such

1 computations and cost allocations. By December 31 of each Year, the Contracting  
2 Officer shall provide the Contractor with the final Rates to be in effect for the upcoming  
3 Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "D".

4 (c) The Contractor shall pay the United States for Project Water in the  
5 following manner:

6 (1) With respect to Rates, prior to May 1 of each Year, the Contractor  
7 shall pay the United States one-half (~~1/2~~) the total amount payable pursuant to  
8 subdivision (a) of this Article and the remainder shall be paid prior to July 1 or such later  
9 date or dates as may be specified by the United States in a written notice to the  
10 Contractor: Provided, however, That that if at any time during the Year the amount of  
11 Project Water diverted by the Contractor shall equal the amount for which payment has  
12 been made, the Contractor shall pay for the remaining amount of such water as shown in  
13 Exhibit A in advance of any further diversion of Project Water.

14 (2) With respect to Charges, the Contractor shall also make a payment to  
15 the United States, in addition to the Rate(s) in subdivision (c)(1) of this Article, at the  
16 Charges then in effect, before the end of the month following the month of delivery or  
17 transfer. The payments shall be consistent with the quantities of Project Water delivered  
18 or transferred. Adjustment for overpayment or underpayment of Charges shall be made  
19 through the adjustment of payments due to the United States for Charges for the next  
20 month. Any amount to be paid for past due payment of Charges shall be computed  
21 pursuant to Article ~~12~~ 13 of this ~~contract~~ Settlement-Contract.

22 (d) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this  
23 ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor.

1 (d1) ~~(Contractor Specific)~~ All revenues received by the United States from  
2 the Contractor relating to the delivery of Project Water or the delivery of non-Project  
3 water through Project facilities shall be allocated and applied in accordance with Federal  
4 Reclamation law and the associated rules or regulations, and the then current Project  
5 ratesetting policies for Irrigation Water.

6 (e) ~~In order to allow Contractor to monitor the development of Rates and~~  
7 ~~Charges, t~~The Contracting Officer shall keep its accounts pertaining to the administration  
8 of the financial terms and conditions of its long-term water service and Settlement  
9 Contracts, in accordance with applicable Federal standards, so as to reflect the application  
10 of Project costs and revenues. The Contracting Officer shall, each Year upon request of  
11 the Contractor, provide to the Contractor a detailed accounting of all Project and  
12 Contractor expense allocations, the disposition of all Project and Contractor revenues,  
13 and a summary of all water delivery information. The Contracting Officer and the  
14 Contractor shall enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or  
15 disputes relating to accountings, reports, or information.

16 (f) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this  
17 Settlement Contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated  
18 that mechanisms, policies, and procedures used for establishing Rates and Charges and/or  
19 for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article may be in  
20 the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into  
21 agreements to modify the mechanisms, policies, and procedures for any of those purposes  
22 while this Settlement Contract is in effect without amendment of this Settlement  
23 Contract.

1 (g) For the term of this ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract, Rates under the  
2 respective ratesetting policies for the Project will be established to recover only  
3 reimbursable operation and maintenance (including any deficits) and capital costs of the  
4 Project, as those terms are used in the then-current Project ratesetting policies, and  
5 interest, where appropriate, except in instances where a minimum Rate is applicable in  
6 accordance with the relevant Project ratesetting policy. Proposed changes of significance  
7 in practices which implement the ratesetting policies for the Project will not be  
8 implemented until the Contracting Officer has provided the Contractor an opportunity to  
9 discuss the nature, need, and impact of the proposed change.

10 (h) Except as provided in subsections [~~3405(a)(1)(B) and 3405(f)~~] of the  
11 CVPIA, the Rates for Project Water transferred, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of, by  
12 the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Rates adjusted upward or downward to reflect the  
13 changed costs of delivery (if any) of the transferred, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of  
14 Project Water to the transferee's point of delivery in accordance with the then-current  
15 ratesetting policies for the Project. Except as provided in subsection 3407(d)(2)(A) of the  
16 CVPIA, the Charges for Project Water transferred, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of,  
17 by the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Charges specified in Exhibit D. If the  
18 Contractor is receiving lower Rates and Charges because of inability to pay and is  
19 transferring, exchanging, or otherwise disposing of Project Water to another entity whose  
20 Rates and Charges are not adjusted due to inability to pay, the Rates and Charges for  
21 transferred, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of Project Water shall be the Contractor's  
22 Rates and Charges unadjusted for ability to pay.

1 (i) Pursuant to the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), the Contracting  
2 Officer is authorized to adjust determinations of ability to pay every five (5) years.

3 (j) Each payment to be made pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of this  
4 Article shall be made at the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region,  
5 File No. 11546, P.O. Box 6000, San Francisco, California, 94160-1546, or at such other  
6 place as the United States may designate in a written notice to the said Contractor.

7 Payments shall be made by cash transaction, wire, or any other mechanism as may be  
8 agreed to in writing by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer. In event there should  
9 be a default in the payment of the amount due, the delinquent payment provisions of  
10 Article ~~12~~ 13 shall apply. The Contractor shall not be relieved of the whole or any part of  
11 its said obligation by, on account of, or notwithstanding, as the case may be:

12 (1) Its failure, refusal, or neglect to divert seventy-five percent of the  
13 quantity of Project Water ~~as hereinabove provided~~ shown on Exhibit A;

14 (2) The default in payment to it by any water user of assessments, tolls, or  
15 other charges levied by or owing to said Contractor;

16 (3) Any judicial determination that any assessment, toll, or other charge  
17 referred to in subsection 8(c)(2) of this Settlement Contract is irregular, void, or  
18 ineffectual; or

19 (4) Any injunctive process enjoining or restraining the Contractor from  
20 making or collecting any such assessment, toll, or other charge referred to in subsection  
21 8(c)(2) of this Settlement Contract.



1 herein, the ~~United States shall submit it to the Contractor~~ parties shall negotiate an  
2 amendment to give effect to such judgment. In the event the parties are unable to agree  
3 on an appropriate amendment they shall, within 60 days of determining that there is an  
4 impasse, employ the services of a neutral mediator to assist in resolving the impasse. The  
5 cost of the mediation will be shared equally. A failure to reach agreement on an  
6 amendment within 60 days of the end of mediation will cause the immediate termination  
7 of this Settlement Contract. ~~and the contract shall be deemed to have been amended~~  
8 ~~accordingly unless within sixty (60) days after submission of such amendment to the~~  
9 ~~Contractor, the Contractor elects to terminate the contract or within the same period of~~  
10 ~~time the parties agree upon mutually satisfactory amendments to give effect to such~~  
11 ~~judgment: Provided, further, That if, during the term of this Contract, the Contractor's or~~  
12 ~~the United States' water rights are adjusted or affected, or the responsibility to meet flow,~~  
13 ~~water quality and/or environmental requirements under those water rights is modified~~  
14 ~~(e.g., changes to the Delta Water Quality Control Plan and associated water right~~  
15 ~~actions), by or through any final administrative or judicial proceeding, the Contractor and~~  
16 ~~the United States shall negotiate appropriate adjustments to this contract.~~ In the event the  
17 parties are unable to agree on an appropriate amendment they shall, within 60 days of  
18 determining that there is an impasse, employ the services of a neutral mediator to assist in  
19 resolving the impasse. The cost of the mediation will be shared equally. A failure to  
20 reach agreement on an amendment within 60 days of the end of mediation will cause the  
21 immediate termination of this Settlement Contract.

22 (c) In the event this ~~contract~~Settlement Contract terminates, the rights of the  
23 parties to thereafter divert and use water shall exist as if this ~~contract~~Settlement Contract



1 had not been entered into; and the fact that as a compromise settlement of a controversy  
2 as to the respective rights of the parties to divert and use water and the yield of such  
3 rights during the term hereof, this ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract places a limit on the  
4 Contract Total to be diverted annually by the Contractor during the ~~contract~~ Settlement  
5 Contract term and segregates it into Base Supply and Project Water shall not jeopardize  
6 the rights or position of either party with respect to its water rights or the yield thereof at  
7 all times after the ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract terminates. It is further agreed that the  
8 Contractor at all times will first use water to the use of which it is entitled by virtue of its  
9 own water rights, and neither the provisions of this ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract, action  
10 taken thereunder, nor payments made thereunder to the United States by the Contractor  
11 shall be construed as an admission that any part of the water used by the Contractor  
12 during the term of this ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract was in fact water to which it would  
13 not have been entitled under water rights owned by it nor shall receipt of payments  
14 thereunder by the United States from the Contractor be construed as an admission that  
15 any part of the water used by the Contractor during the term of this ~~contract~~ Settlement  
16 Contract was in fact water to which it would have been entitled under water rights owned  
17 by it.

18 **Contractors' proposed language changes were received on July 9, 2002, but we have**  
19 **not had the opportunity to review. We will discuss the proposed language at the**  
20 **next negotiations session.**

#### MEASUREMENT OF WATER

22 9 10. (a) All water diverted by the Contractor from the Sacramento River will be  
23 diverted at the existing point or points of diversion shown on Exhibit A or at such other

1 points as may be mutually agreed upon in writing by the Contracting Officer and the  
2 Contractor.

3 (b) All water diverted from the Sacramento River pursuant to this ~~contract~~  
4 Settlement Contract will be measured or caused to be measured by the United States at  
5 each point of diversion with existing equipment or equipment to be installed, operated,  
6 and maintained by the United States, and/or others, under contract with and at the option  
7 of the United States. The equipment and methods used to make such measurement shall  
8 be in accordance with sound engineering practices. Upon request of the Contractor, the  
9 accuracy of such measurements will be investigated by the Contracting Officer and any  
10 errors appearing therein will be corrected.

11 (c) The right of ingress to and egress from all points of diversion is hereby  
12 granted to all authorized employees of the United States. The Contractor also hereby  
13 grants to the United States the right to install, operate, maintain and replace such  
14 equipment on diversion or carriage facilities at each point of diversion as the Contracting  
15 Officer deems necessary.

16 (d) The Contractor shall not modify, alter, remove, or replace diversion  
17 facilities or do any other act which would alter the effectiveness or accuracy of the  
18 measuring equipment installed by the United States or its representatives unless and until  
19 the Contracting Officer has been notified with due diligence and has been given an  
20 opportunity to modify such measuring equipment in such manner as may be necessary or  
21 appropriate. In the event of an emergency the Contractor shall notify the United States  
22 within a reasonable time thereafter as to the existence of the emergency and the nature

1 and extent of such modification, alteration, removal, or replacement of diversion  
2 facilities.

3 (e) ~~Unless the Contractor has itself already incurred the relevant expenses, t~~  
4 **T**he Contractor shall pay the United States for the costs to repair, relocate, or replace  
5 measurement equipment when the Contractor modifies, alters, removes, or replaces  
6 diversion or carriage facilities.

7 (f) (*Contractor Specific*) By \_\_\_\_\_ [DATE] \_\_\_\_\_, the  
8 Contractor shall ensure that, unless the Contractor establishes an alternative measurement  
9 program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, all surface water delivered for irrigation  
10 purposes on the lands delineated on Exhibit B is measured at each agricultural turnout.  
11 The water measuring devices or water measuring methods of comparable effectiveness  
12 must be acceptable to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for  
13 installing, operating, and maintaining and repairing all such measuring devices and  
14 implementing all such water measuring methods at no cost to the United States. The  
15 Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer in writing by April 30 of each Year of the  
16 monthly volume of surface water delivered to the lands delineated on Exhibit B during  
17 the previous Year. This information will be used by Reclamation to satisfy the water  
18 measurement requirements of the Contractor's water conservation plan, as set forth in  
19 Article 28 of this Contract.

20 (g) All new surface water delivery systems installed within the lands  
21 delineated on Exhibit B after the effective date of this Contract shall also comply with the  
22 measurement provisions described in this Article.

1 RULES AND REGULATIONS

2 ~~10~~ 11. The parties agree that the delivery of Project Water for irrigation use or  
3 use of Federal facilities pursuant to this Settlement Contract is subject to Federal  
4 Reclamation law, including but not limited to, the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43  
5 U.S.C.390aa et seq.), as amended and supplemented, and the rules and regulations  
6 promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Federal Reclamation law.

7 GENERAL OBLIGATION--BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT

8  
9 ~~11~~ 12. (a) The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided  
10 in this Settlement Contract is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the  
11 manner in which the obligation may be distributed among the Contractor's water users  
12 and notwithstanding the default of individual water users in their obligations to the  
13 Contractor.

14  
15 (b) The payment of Charges becoming due hereunder is a condition precedent  
16 to receiving benefits under this Settlement Contract. The United States shall not make  
17 water available to the Contractor through Project facilities during any period in which the  
18 Contractor may be in arrears in the advance payment of water Rates due the United  
19 States. The Contractor shall not furnish water made available pursuant to this Settlement  
20 Contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates  
21 levied or established by the Contractor.

22  
23 (c) With respect to subdivision (b) of this Article, the Contractor shall have  
24 no obligation to require advance payment for water Rates which it levies.

25  
26 CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

27  
28 ~~12~~ 13. (a) The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative and penalty  
29 charges on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the  
30 due date, the Contractor shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is  
31 delinquent beyond the due date. When a payment becomes ~~sixty (60)~~ days delinquent,  
32 the Contractor shall pay an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and  
33 processing the delinquent payment. When a payment is delinquent ~~ninety (90)~~ days or  
34 more, the Contractor shall pay an additional penalty charge of six ~~(6%)~~ percent per year  
35 for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. Further, the Contractor shall  
36 pay any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.

37  
38 (b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly  
39 in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue  
40 payments, or the interest rate of one-half of one ~~(0.5%)~~ percent per month prescribed by

1 Section 6 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest  
2 charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the  
3 delinquent period.

4  
5 (c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount  
6 received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third  
7 to the accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.

8  
9 QUALITY OF WATER

10 ~~13~~ 14. The operation and maintenance of Project facilities shall be performed in  
11 such manner as is practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through  
12 such facilities at the highest level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting  
13 Officer. The United States does not warrant the quality of water and is under no  
14 obligation to construct or furnish water treatment facilities to maintain or better the  
15 quality of water.

16 WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

17 ~~14~~ 15. The Contractor, in carrying out this Settlement Contract, shall comply  
18 with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and  
19 the State of California, and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the  
20 appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities.

21 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

22  
23 ~~15~~ 16. During the performance of this Settlement Contract, the Contractor agrees  
24 as follows:

25  
26 (a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant  
27 for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor  
28 will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees  
29 are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or  
30 national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following:  
31 Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising;  
32 layoff or termination, rates of payment or other forms of compensation; and selection for  
33 training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places,

1 available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the  
2 Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

3  
4 (b) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees  
5 placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive  
6 consideration for employment without discrimination because of race, color, religion,  
7 sex, or national origin.

8  
9 (c) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers  
10 with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a  
11 notice, to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the said labor union or  
12 workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive  
13 Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous  
14 places available to employees and applicants for employment.

15  
16 (d) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No.  
17 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant  
18 orders of the Secretary of Labor.

19  
20 (e) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by said  
21 amended Executive Order and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of  
22 Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by  
23 the Contracting Officer and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to  
24 ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

25  
26 (f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination  
27 clauses of this Settlement Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders,  
28 this Settlement Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part,  
29 and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in  
30 accordance with procedures authorized in said amended Executive Order, and such other  
31 sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in said Executive Order, or  
32 by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

33  
34 (g) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g)  
35 in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or  
36 orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of said amended  
37 Executive Order, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or  
38 vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase  
39 order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such  
40 provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That that in the  
41 event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a  
42 subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the  
43 United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

44  
45 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
46 *(For Districts Only)*

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2       ~~16~~ 17. (a) The Contractor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of  
3 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-112, as  
4 amended), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.) and any other  
5 applicable civil rights laws, as well as with their respective implementing regulations and  
6 guidelines imposed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.  
7

8           (b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the  
9 grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation  
10 in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any  
11 program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. By  
12 executing this Settlement Contract, the Contractor agrees to immediately take any  
13 measures necessary to implement this obligation, including permitting officials of the  
14 United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.  
15

16           (c) The Contractor makes this agreement in consideration of and for the  
17 purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or  
18 other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractor by the  
19 Bureau of Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of  
20 arrangements for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date.  
21 The Contractor recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in  
22 reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Article, and that the United  
23 States reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement thereof.  
24

25           MINGLING OF CONTRACTOR'S PROJECT AND NON-PROJECT WATER

26       ~~17~~ 18. (a) Project Water must of necessity be transported by the Contractor to its  
27 water users by means of the same works and channels used for the transport of its non-  
28 Project Water including Base Supply. Notwithstanding such mingling of water, the  
29 provisions of Article 11 hereof shall be applicable only to Project Water, and such  
30 mingling of water shall not in any manner subject to the provisions of Article 11 hereof  
31 the Contractor's non-Project water including Base Supply.

32           (b) If required in accordance with subdivision (c) of this Article, the  
33 Contractor shall install and maintain such measuring equipment and distribution facilities  
34 and maintain such records as may be necessary to determine the amounts of water  
35 delivered to Excess Lands served by the Contractor. The Contractor shall not within any

1 month deliver to Ineligible Lands water in excess of the non-Project Water, including  
2 Base Supply, for that month. The Contracting Officer or authorized representative shall  
3 have the right at all reasonable times to inspect such records and measuring equipment.

4 (c) The Contractor will not be considered in violation of the requirement that  
5 Project Water be delivered only to Eligible Lands during any month of the irrigation  
6 season that the water requirement for beneficial use on Eligible Lands for that month is  
7 equal to or in excess of the Project Water for that month as shown on Exhibit A or any  
8 revision thereof pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 3. The water requirement for  
9 beneficial use on Eligible Lands will be determined by multiplying:

10 (1) the number of irrigable acres of the particular types of crops grown in  
11 that year on the acreage designated as eligible by

12 (2) the Unit Duties as set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto and made a  
13 part hereof, or by such other Unit Duties mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and the  
14 Contracting Officer. In order to make the computation of the water requirement for  
15 Eligible Lands, on April 1 of each Year and concurrently with its order for water for the  
16 irrigation season, the Contractor shall designate the acreage of and type of crops to be  
17 grown on its Eligible Lands that irrigation season. During any month the water  
18 requirement as above determined for crops growing on Eligible Lands during such month  
19 is equal to or in excess of the Project Water for that month as provided herein the  
20 Contractor shall not be required to measure the water delivered to Excess Lands. Any  
21 month the said water requirement is less than the amount of Project Water as provided  
22 herein, the Contractor will be required to measure water delivered to excess land in  
23 accordance with subdivision (b) hereof.



1 BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS

2 ~~18~~ 19. The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and  
3 records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Settlement  
4 Contract, including: the Contractor's financial transactions, water supply data, and  
5 Project land and right-of-way agreements; the water users' land-use (crop census), land  
6 ownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other matters that the Contracting  
7 Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer in  
8 such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. Subject to  
9 applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Settlement-Contract shall have  
10 the right during office hours to examine and make copies of each other's books and  
11 official records relating to matters covered by this Settlement Contract.

12  
13 CHANGE OF PLACE OF USE OR ORGANIZATION

14 ~~19~~ 20. (a) Unless the ~~written consent of the~~ United States is first obtained  
15 ~~consulted~~ no change shall be made in the place of water use shown on Exhibit B.

16 (b) While this ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract is in effect, no change shall be  
17 made in the area of the Contractor as shown on its Exhibit B, by inclusion or exclusion of  
18 lands, by dissolution, consolidation, or merger or otherwise, ~~except upon~~ ~~unless~~ the  
19 Contracting ~~Officer's written assent thereto~~ Officer is first consulted.

20 (c) In the event lands are excluded from the area of the Contractor, as  
21 provided herein, the quantity of Project Water to be diverted may be decreased pursuant  
22 to a supplemental agreement to be executed in respect thereto.

23 CONSOLIDATION OF CONTRACTING ENTITIES

24  
25 ~~20~~ 21. Consolidation of Contractors ~~may~~ will be approved by the Contracting  
26 Officer ~~upon request~~ provided: (i) ~~the Contracting Officer approves the form and~~  
27 ~~organization of the resulting entity and the utilization by it of the Contract Total; and (ii)~~  
28 the obligations of the Contractors are assumed by ~~such~~ ~~the resulting~~ entity.

29 ~~No such consolidation shall be valid unless and until approved by the Contracting~~  
30 ~~Officer.~~



1           ~~25~~ 26. The Contractor, after the execution of this Settlement Contract, shall  
2 promptly seek to secure a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of  
3 California, if appropriate, confirming the execution of this ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract.  
4 The Contractor shall furnish the United States a certified copy of the final decree, the  
5 validation proceedings, and all pertinent supporting records of the court approving and  
6 confirming this Settlement Contract, and decreeing and adjudging it to be lawful, valid,  
7 and binding on the Contractor. This Settlement Contract shall not be binding on the  
8 United States until such final decree has been secured.

9  
10                                   UNAVOIDABLE GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION

11           ~~26~~ 27. To the extent applicable, the Contractor shall not be deemed to have  
12 delivered Project Water to Excess Lands or Ineligible Lands if such lands are irrigated  
13 with groundwater that reaches the underground strata as an unavoidable result of the  
14 delivery of Project Water by the Contractor to Eligible Lands.

15                                   PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE

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17           ~~27~~ 28. (a) The Contractor shall comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C.  
18 552a) (the Act) and the Department of the Interior rules and regulations under the Act (43  
19 CFR 2.45 et seq.) in maintaining Landholder acreage certification and reporting records,  
20 required to be submitted to the Contractor for compliance with Sections 206 and 228 of  
21 the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1266), and pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18.

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

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

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35                   (d) The Contracting Officer shall designate a full-time employee of the  
36 Bureau of Reclamation to be the System Manager who shall be responsible for making  
37 decisions on denials pursuant to 43 CFR 2.61 and 2.64 amendment requests pursuant to  
38 43 CFR 2.72. The Contractor is authorized to grant requests by individuals for access to  
39 their own records.

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

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9 **Contractors' proposed language changes were received on July 9, 2002, but**  
10 **we have not had the opportunity to review. We will discuss the proposed**  
11 **language at the next negotiations session.**

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13 **WATER CONSERVATION**

14 28 29. ~~[TO BE REPLACED]~~ (a) Prior to the diversion of Project Water, the  
15 Contractor shall be implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program  
16 based on the Contractor's water conservation plan that has been determined by the  
17 Contracting Officer to meet the conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water  
18 conservation plans established under Federal law. The water conservation and efficiency  
19 program shall contain definite water conservation objectives, appropriate economically  
20 feasible water conservation measures, and time schedules for meeting those objectives.  
21 Continued diversion of Project Water pursuant to this Settlement Contract shall be  
22 contingent upon the Contractor's continued implementation of such water conservation  
23 program. In the event the Contractor's water conservation plan or any revised water  
24 conservation plan completed pursuant to subdivision (c) of Article 28 29 of this  
25 Settlement Contract have not yet been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet  
26 such criteria, due to circumstances which the Contracting Officer determines are beyond  
27 the control of the Contractor, Project Water deliveries shall be made under this  
28 Settlement Contract so long as the Contractor diligently works with the Contracting  
29 Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest practicable date, and thereafter the

1 Contractor immediately begins implementing its water conservation and efficiency  
2 program in accordance with the time schedules therein.

3 (b) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a report on the  
4 status of its implementation of the water conservation plan on the reporting dates  
5 specified in the then existing conservation and efficiency criteria established under  
6 Federal law.

7 (c) At five (5)-year intervals, the Contractor shall revise its water  
8 conservation plan to reflect the then current conservation and efficiency criteria for  
9 evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law and submit such  
10 revised water management plan to the Contracting Officer for review and evaluation.  
11 The Contracting Officer will then determine if the water conservation plan meets  
12 Reclamation's then current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water  
13 conservation plans established under Federal law.

14 (d) If the Contractor is engaged in direct ground-water recharge, such activity  
15 shall be described in the Contractor's water conservation plan.

16 OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

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18 29 30. (a) Where the terms of this Settlement Contract provide for actions to be  
19 based upon the opinion or determination of either party to this Settlement Contract, said  
20 terms shall not be construed as permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary,  
21 capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding  
22 any other provisions of this Settlement Contract, expressly reserve the right to seek relief  
23 from and appropriate adjustment for any such arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable  
24 opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be

1 provided in a timely manner. Nothing in subdivision (a) of Article ~~29~~ 30 of this  
2 Settlement Contract is intended to or shall affect or alter the standard of judicial review  
3 applicable under federal law to any opinion or determination implementing a specific  
4 provision of federal law embodied in statute or regulation.

5 (b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations  
6 necessary to administer this Settlement Contract that are consistent with the provisions of  
7 this Settlement Contract, the laws of the United States and of the State of California, and  
8 the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. Such  
9 determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to the extent reasonably  
10 practicable.

11 CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

12 ~~30~~ 31. (a) In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor  
13 pursuant to this Settlement Contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, within  
14 ~~sixty (60)~~ days after receipt of a bill and detailed statement submitted by the Contracting  
15 Officer to the Contractor for such specific items of direct cost incurred by the United  
16 States for work requested by the Contractor associated with this Settlement Contract plus  
17 indirect costs in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policies and  
18 procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article shall not exceed the amount  
19 agreed to in writing in advance by the Contractor. This Article shall not apply to costs  
20 for routine ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract administration.

21 (b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the  
22 Contractor pursuant to Article 30 of this Settlement Contract shall be adjusted to reflect  
23 the actual costs when the work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual

1 costs incurred, the difference will be refunded to the Contractor. If the actual costs  
2 exceed the Contractor's advances, the Contractor will be billed for the additional costs  
3 pursuant to Article ~~30~~ 31 of this Settlement Contract.

4 WAIVER OF DEFAULT

5 ~~31~~ 32. The waiver by either party to this ~~contract~~ Settlement Contract as to any  
6 default shall not be construed as a waiver of any other default or as authority of the other  
7 party to continue such default or to make, do, or perform, or not to make, do, or perform,  
8 as the case may be, any act or thing which would constitute a default.

1                   IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this ~~contract~~  
2 Settlement Contract as of the day and year first hereinabove written.

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4                   THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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8                   By: \_\_\_\_\_  
9                   Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region  
10                  Bureau of Reclamation

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