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Irrigation Draft San Luis Unit Interim Form of Contract

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

# **INTERIM RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES**

<u>AND</u>

# PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE SAN LUIS UNIT AND DELTA DIVISION

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Central Valley Project, California INTERIM RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES <u>PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM</u> SAN LUIS UNIT AND DELTA DIVISION
9	THIS CONTRACT, made this day of, 200, in pursuance
10	generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or supplementary thereto,
11	including, but not limited to, the Acts of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844), as amended and
12	supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented, July 2, 1956 (70 Stat.
13	483), June 3, 1960 (74 Stat. 156), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263),
14	October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), as amended, and Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992
15	(106 Stat. 4706), all collectively hereinafter referred to as Federal Reclamation law, between THE
16	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the United States, and,
17	hereinafter referred to as the Contractor, a public agency of the State of California, duly organized,
18	existing, and acting pursuant to the laws thereof;
19	WITNESSETH, That:
20	EXPLANATORY RECITALS
21	[1 <sup>st</sup> ] WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central Valley
22	Project, (Project) California, for diversion, storage, carriage, distribution and beneficial use, for flood
23	control, irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, fish and wildlife mitigation, protection and

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beneficial uses, of waters of the Sacramento River, the American River, the Trinity River, and the San 25 Joaquin River and their tributaries; and 26 [2<sup>nd</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States constructed the Delta Division Facilities, including the 27 28 San Luis Unit facilities (which include the San Luis Canal, Coalinga Canal, Pleasant Valley Pumping Plant, and Dos Amigos Pumping Plant), which will be used in part for the furnishing of water to the 29 30 Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Contract; and [3<sup>rd</sup>] WHEREAS, the rights to Project Water were acquired by the United States pursuant to 31 32 California law for operation of the Project; and [4<sup>1h</sup>] WHEREAS, the terms and conditions pursuant to which Project Water is to be 33 34 delivered to the Contractor through December 31, 2007, are addressed in the Contract Between the United States and Westlands Water District Providing for Water Service, dated June 5, 1963, and the 35 Stipulated Judgment in the lawsuit entitled Barcellos and Wolfsen, Inc., v. Westlands Water District, 36 Civ. No. F-79-106-EDP (E.D. Cal.), as consolidated with Westlands Water District v. United States 37

restoration, generation and distribution of electric energy, salinity control, navigation and other

of America, Civ. No. F-81-245-EDP (E.D. Cal.), entered on December 30, 1986, hereinafter referred
 to as the Existing Contract; and (Include only in WWD Interim)

[4<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor entered into Contract No.
as amended, which provided the Contractor, Project Water from Project facilities from \_\_\_\_\_ to
December 31, 200\_, hereinafter referred to as the Existing Contract; and (Include in all Interims
Contracts other than WWD)

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[5<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor have pursuant to Subsection

45 3404(c)(3) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), subsequently entered into a binding agreement identified as Binding Agreement No. BA, which sets out the terms 46 47 pursuant to which the Contractor agreed to renew the Existing Contract before the expiration date 48 after completion of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and other appropriate 49 environmental documentation and negotiation of a renewal contract; and which also sets out the consequences of a subsequent decision not to renew: and Contractor Specific Binding Agreements 50 ۲6<sup>1h</sup>7 51 WHEREAS, Section 3404(c) of the CVPIA provides for long-term renewal of the Existing Contract following completion of appropriate environmental documentation, including the 52 PEIS, which was required by Section 3409 of the CVPIA, pursuant to the National Environmental 53 Policy Act (NEPA) analyzing the direct and indirect impacts and benefits of implementing the 54 55 CVPIA and the potential renewal of all existing contracts for Project Water; and (7<sup>th</sup>) WHEREAS, rights of renewal of Existing Contract and to convert said contract to a 56 contract as provided by subsection (d), Section 9 of the Act of August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), are set 57 forth in said contract; and 58 59 [8.<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States has completed the PEIS, but since all the environmental 60 documentation necessary to execute a long-term renewal contract has not been completed, the 61 Contractor has requested an interim renewal contract pursuant to Section 3404(c)(1) of the CVPIA; 62 and ۲9<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Contractor has fulfilled all of 63 64 its obligations under the Existing Contract; and [10<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the Contractor has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Contracting 65

66 <sup>.</sup>	Officer that the Contractor has utilized the Project Water supplies available to it for reasonable and
67	beneficial use and expects to utilize fully for reasonable and beneficial use the quantity of Project
68	Water to be made available to it pursuant to this Contract; and
69	[11 <sup>th</sup> ] WHEREAS, water obtained from the Project has been relied upon by urban and
70	agricultural areas within California for more than 50 years, and is considered by the Contractor as an
71	essential portion of its water supply; and
72	[12 <sup>th</sup> ] WHEREAS, the economies of regions within the Project, including the Contractor's,
73	depend upon the continued availability of water, including water service from the Project; and
74	[12.1] WHEREAS, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has held that
75	Section 1(a) of the San Luis Act, Public Law 86-488, 74 Stat. 156, imposes on the Secretary a duty to
76	provide drainage service to the San Luis Unit; and
77	[12.2] WHEREAS, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer recognize that adequate
78	drainage service is required to maintain agricultural production within certain areas served with
79	Project Water made available under this Contract, and all renewals thereof; and
80	[12.3] WHEREAS, the Contacting Officer intends, to the extent appropriated funds are
81	available, to develop and implement effective solutions to drainage problems in the San Luis Unit; and
82	[12.4] WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer and the Contractor acknowledge that such
83	drainage solutions may involve actions not originally contemplated and/or the construction or use of
. 84	facilities, other than the San Luis Drain; that the Contractor is investing in drainage solutions for
85	lands within its boundaries that should be considered by the Contracting Officer in determining
86	drainage solutions; and that the existing ratesetting policy as it relates to the allocation and collection

of drainage costs may require amendment to recognize those investments by the Contractor and other
 relevant circumstances; and

- [12.5] WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation published in June 2006
   the San Luis Drainage Feature Re-evaluation Final Environmental Impact Statement, which considers
   alternatives to provide agricultural drainage service to the San Luis Unit; and
- [12.6] WHEREAS, on March 9, 2007, the Record of Decision was signed for the San Luis
   Drainage Feature Re-evaluation Final Environmental Impact Statement identifying the retirement of
   up to 194,000 acres of land from irrigated agricultural productions as the selected alternative; and
- 95 (Include only in WWD Interim)
- 96 [13<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the Secretary intends through coordination, cooperation, and partnerships
  97 to pursue measures to improve water supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project
  98 purposes; and
- [14<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the mutual goals of the United States and the Contractor include: to
  provide for reliable Project Water supplies; to control costs of those supplies; to achieve repayment of
  the Project as required by law; to guard reasonably against Project Water shortages; to achieve a
  reasonable balance among competing demands for use of Project Water; and to comply with all
  applicable environmental statutes, all consistent with the legal obligations of the United States
  relative to the Project; and
- 105 [14.1] WHEREAS, the parties intend by this Contract to develop a more cooperative
  106 relationship in order to achieve their mutual goals; and
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[15<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the Contractor has utilized or may utilize transfers, contract assignments,

rescheduling and conveyance of Project Water and non-Project water under this Contract as tools to minimize the impacts of Conditions of Shortage and to maximize the beneficial use of water; and [15.1] WHEREAS, the parties desire and intend that this Contract not provide a disincentive to the Contractor in continuing to carry out the beneficial activities set out in the Explanatory Recital immediately above; and

- [15.2] WHEREAS, in order to continue water service provided under Project water service 113 114 contracts that expire prior to the completion of the PEIS, the United States intends to execute interim renewal contracts for a period not to exceed three (3) Years in length, and for successive interim 115 116 periods of not more than two (2) Years in length, until appropriate environmental documentation, including the PEIS, is finally completed, at which time the Secretary shall, pursuant to Federal 117 118 Reclamation law, upon request of the Contractor, enter into a long-term renewal contract for a period of twenty-five (25) Years; and may thereafter renew such long-term renewal contracts for successive 119 120 periods not to exceed twenty-five (25) Years each; and 121 [15.3] WHEREAS, the Secretary intends to assure uninterrupted water service and continuity 122 of contract through the process set fourth in Article 2 hereof; and [16<sup>th</sup>] WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor are willing to enter into this 123 124 Contract pursuant to Federal Reclamation law on the terms and conditions set forth below; NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants herein 125 126 contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows: 127 128 DEFINITIONS
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When used herein unless otherwise distinctly expressed, or manifestly incompatible
 with the intent of the parties as expressed in this Contract, the term:

(a) "Calendar Year" shall mean the period January 1 through December 31, both
dates inclusive;

"Charges" shall mean the payments required by Federal Reclamation law in 133 (b) 134 addition to the Rates as determined annually by the Contracting Officer pursuant to this Contract; 135 "Condition of Shortage" shall mean a condition respecting the Project during (c) any Year such that the Contracting Officer is unable to deliver sufficient water to meet the Contract; 136 137 (d) "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior's duly authorized representative acting pursuant to this Contract or applicable Federal Reclamation law or regulation; 138 139 "Contract Total" shall mean the maximum amount of water to which the (e)

140 Contractor is entitled under subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract;

(f) "Contractor's Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Contractor is
permitted to provide Project Water under this Contract as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto,
which may be modified from time to time in accordance with Article 35 of this Contract without
amendment of this Contract;

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

(g.1) "Delta Division Facilities" shall mean those existing and future Project
facilities in and south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers Delta, including, but not limited to, the
Tracy Pumping Plant, the O'Neill Forebay, the O'Neill Pumping/Generating Plant, and the San Luis

Reservoir, used to divert, store, and convey water to those Project Contractors entitled to receive
water conveyed through the Delta-Mendota Canal;

(h) "Eligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may be
delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the Reclamation Reform Act of October 12, 1982 (96
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
Reclamation law;

158 (i) "Full Cost Rate" shall mean an annual rate, as determined by the Contracting 159 Officer that shall amortize the expenditures for construction properly allocable to the Project 160 irrigation or M&I functions, as appropriate, of facilities in service including all Operation and 161 Maintenance (O&M) deficits funded, less payments, over such periods as may be required under 162 Federal Reclamation law, or applicable contract provisions. Interest will accrue on both the 163 construction expenditures and funded O&M deficits from October 12, 1982, on costs outstanding at 164 that date, or from the date incurred in the case of costs arising subsequent to October 12, 1982, and 165 shall be calculated in accordance with subsections 202(3)(B) and (3)(C) of the RRA. The Full-Cost 166 Rate includes actual operation, maintenance, and replacement costs consistent with Section 426.2 of 167 the Rules and Regulations for the RRA;

168 (k) "Ineligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may not be
169 delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the RRA;

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"Irrigation Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the Full Cost Rate applicable to

171 the delivery of Irrigation Water;

172 "Irrigation Water" shall mean water made available from the Project that is (m) 173 used primarily in the production of agricultural crops or livestock, including domestic use incidental 174 thereto, and watering of livestock; "Landholder" shall mean a party that directly or indirectly owns or leases 175 (n) 176 nonexempt land, as provided in 43 CFR 426.2; 177 "Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water" shall mean Project Water, other than (0)178 Irrigation Water, made available to the Contractor. M&I Water shall include water used for human 179 use and purposes such as the watering of landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horses) which are 180 kept for personal enjoyment or water delivered to landholdings operated in units of less than five 181 acres unless the Contractor establishes to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the use of 182 water delivered to any such landholding is a use described in subdivision (m) of this Article; 183 (p) "M&I Full Cost Water Rate" shall mean the Full Cost Rate applicable to the 184 delivery of M&I Water; 185 "Operation and Maintenance" or "O&M" shall mean normal and reasonable (q) 186 care, control, operation, repair, replacement (other than capital replacement), and maintenance of 187 Project facilities: 188 "Operating Non-Federal Entity" shall mean the entity(ies), its (their) successors (r) 189 or assigns, which has (have) the obligation to operate and maintain all or a portion of the Delta 190 Division Facilities pursuant to written agreement(s) with the United States. When this Contract was 191 entered into, the Operating Non-Federal Entities were the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

and, with respect to San Luis Unit facilities, the California Department of Water Resources, and the 192 193 Contractor; Contractor Specific "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United States and 194 (s) 195 managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation; 196 "Project Contractors" shall mean all parties who have water service contracts (t) 197 for Project Water from the Project with the United States pursuant to Federal Reclamation law; "Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or 198 (u) 199 delivered by the Secretary in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project and in accordance 200 with the terms and conditions of water rights acquired pursuant to California law; 201 (v) "Rates" shall mean the payments determined annually by the Contracting 202 Officer in accordance with the then current applicable water ratesetting policies for the Project, as 203 described in subdivision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract; 204 (w) Omitted 205 "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Interior, a duly appointed (x) successor, or an authorized representative acting pursuant to any authority of the Secretary and 206 207 through any agency of the Department of the Interior; 208 Omitted (y) 209 (z)"Water Delivered" or "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water diverted for 210 use by the Contractor at the point(s) of delivery approved by the Contracting Officer; 211 "Water Made Available" shall mean the estimated amount of Project Water (aa) 212 that can be delivered to the Contractor for the upcoming Year as declared by the Contracting Officer,

213 pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 4 of this Contract;

214	(bb) "Water Scheduled" shall mean Project Water made available to the Contractor
215	for which times and quantities for delivery have been established by the Contractor and Contracting
216	Officer, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this -Contract; and
217	(cc) "Year" shall mean the period from and including March 1 of each Calendar
218	Year through the last day of February of the following Calendar Year.
219	TERM OF CONTRACT - RIGHT TO USE OF WATER
220	2. (a) This Contract shall be effective from January 1, 200_ and shall remain in
221	effect through February 28(29), 200_, and thereafter will be renewed as described in this Article.
222	Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this Article, until completion of all appropriate
223	environmental review, and provided that the Contractor has complied with all the terms and
224	conditions of the interim renewal contract in effect for the period immediately preceding the
225	requested successive interim renewal contract, this Contract will be renewed, upon request of the
226	Contractor, for successive interim periods each of which shall be no more than two (2) Years in
227	length. Also, except as provided in subdivision (b) of this Article, in order to promote orderly and
228	cost effective contract administration, the terms and conditions in subsequent interim renewal
229	contracts shall be identical to the terms and conditions in the interim renewal contract immediately
230	preceding the subsequent interim renewal contract: Provided, however, That each party preserves the
231	right to propose modification(s) in any interim renewal contract other than those described in
232	subdivision (b) of this Article, in which case the parties shall negotiate in good faith appropriate
233	modification(s) to be included in any successive interim renewal contracts. Said modification(s) of

each successive interim renewal contract shall be agreed upon within a reasonable time prior to the
expiration of the then existing interim renewal contract. Nothing in this Article shall in any way alter
the obligation that, upon final completion of the PEIS and any necessary supplemental environmental
documentation, the Secretary shall, pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, upon request of the
Contractor, enter into a long-term renewal contract for a period of twenty-five (25) Years and may
thereafter renew such long-term renewal contracts for successive periods not to exceed twenty-five
Years each.

241 (b) The parties have engaged and if necessary will continue to engage in 242 good faith negotiations intended to permit the execution of a twenty-five (25) Year long-term renewal 243 contract contemplated by Section 3404 (c) of the CVPIA, hereinafter referred to as a Along-term 244 renewal contract@. by the end of the term hereof. The parties recognize the possibility that this 245 schedule may not be met without further negotiations. Accordingly: In the event (i) the Contractor 246 and Contracting Officer have reached agreement on the terms of the Contractor=s long-term renewal 247 contract or (ii) the Contractor and Contracting Officer have not completed the negotiations on the 248 Contractor=s long-term renewal contract, believe that further negotiations on that contract would be 249 beneficial, and mutually commit to continue to negotiate to seek to reach agreement, but (iii) all 250 environmental documentation required to allow execution of the Contractor=s long-term renewal 251 contract by both parties has not been completed in time to allow execution of the Contractor=s long-200, then (iv), the parties will expeditiously complete the 252 term renewal contract by 253 environmental documentation required of each of them in order to execute the Contractor=s long-254 term renewal contract at the earliest practicable date. In addition, the Contractor=s then current

interim renewal contract will be renewed without change upon the request of either party through the
agreed-upon effective date of the Contractor=s long-term renewal contract or, in the absence of
agreement on the terms of the Contractor=s long-term renewal contract, through the succeeding
February 28.

(c) The omission of language in this Contract providing for conversion of this
interim renewal contract or any subsequent renewals thereof to a repayment contract, pursuant to the
Act of July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483), shall not prejudice the Contractor's right to assert a right to have
such language included in subsequent renewals of this Contract or to exercise such conversion, all as
provided by law, or to negotiate the language regarding such conversion to be included in subsequent
renewal contracts.

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## WATER TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED TO THE CONTRACTOR

During each Year, consistent with all applicable State water rights permits, and 266 3. (a) licenses, Federal law, and subject to the provisions set forth in Articles 11 and 12 of this Contract, the 267 268 Contracting Officer shall make available for delivery to the Contractor acre-feet of Project Water for irrigation and M&I purposes. Provided, however, during the two (2) month period of 269 270 January and February of Year, 200, the Contracting Officer shall make available for delivery to the 271 Contractor that portion of the 200 allocation of Project Water unused by the Contractor under the 272 Existing Contract. Water Delivered to the Contractor in accordance with this subdivision shall be 273 scheduled and paid for pursuant to the provisions of Articles 4 and 7 of this Contract.

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(b) Because the capacity of the Project to deliver Project Water has been

constrained in recent years and may be constrained in the future due to many factors including
hydrologic conditions and implementation of Federal and State laws, the likelihood of the Contractor
actually receiving the amount of Project Water set out in subdivision (a) of this Article in any given
Year is uncertain. The Contracting Officer's modeling referenced in the PEIS projected that the
Contract Total set forth in this Contract will not be available to the Contractor in many years.
Nothing in this subdivision (b) of this Article shall affect the rights and obligations of the parties
under any provision of this Contract.

(c) The Contractor shall utilize the Project Water in accordance with all applicablelegal requirements.

In the event any Project Contractor (other than a Cross Valley Contractor) that 285 (c.1)286 receives Project Water through the Delta Division Facilities obtains a contractual agreement that the 287 Contracting Officer shall make Project Water available at a point or points of delivery in or north of 288 the Delta, at the request of the Contractor and upon completion of any required environmental 289 documentation, this Contract shall be amended to provide for deliveries in or north of the Delta on 290 mutually agreeable terms. Such amendments to the Contract shall be limited solely to those changes 291 made necessary by the addition of such alternate points of delivery in or north of the Delta; Provided, 292 That the Contracting Officer's use of the Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant to deliver Project Water 293 does not trigger this right of amendment.

(d) The Contractor shall make reasonable and beneficial use of all water furnished
 pursuant to this Contract. Groundwater recharge programs (direct, indirect, or in lieu), groundwater
 banking programs, surface water storage programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project

Water or other water furnished pursuant to this Contract conducted within the Contractor's Service 297 298 Area which are consistent with applicable State law and result in use consistent with Federal 299 Reclamation law will be allowed; Provided, That any direct recharge program(s) is (are) described in the Contractor's water conservation plan submitted pursuant to Article 26 of this Interim Renewal 300 301 Contract: Provided, further, That such water conservation plan demonstrates sufficient lawful uses exist in the Contractor's Service Area so that using a long-term average, the quantity of Delivered 302 Water is demonstrated to be reasonable for such uses and in compliance with Federal Reclamation 303 law. Groundwater recharge programs, groundwater banking programs, surface water storage 304 305 programs, and other similar programs utilizing Project Water or other water furnished pursuant to this 306 Contract conducted outside the Contractor's Service Area may be permitted upon written approval of the Contracting Officer, which approval will be based upon environmental documentation, Project 307 308 Water rights, and Project operational concerns. The Contracting Officer will address such concerns 309 in regulations, policies, or guidelines. 310 The Contractor shall comply with requirements applicable to the Contractor in (e) 311 biological opinion(s) prepared as a result of a consultation regarding the execution of this Contract 312 undertaken pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, that are 313 within the Contractor's legal authority to implement. The Existing Contract, which evidences in 314 excess of years of diversions for irrigation and/or M&I purposes of the quantities of Project 315 Water provided in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this Contract, will be considered in developing an 316 appropriate baseline for the biological assessment(s) prepared pursuant to the ESA, and any other 317 needed environmental review. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Contractor from

318 challenging or seeking judicial relief in a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any319 biological opinion or other environmental documentation referred to in this Article.

320 Following the declaration of Water Made Available under Article 4 of this (f) 321 Contract, the Contracting Officer will make a determination whether Project Water, or other water 322 available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractor in addition to the Contract Total 323 under this Article during the Year without adversely impacting other Project Contractors. At the 324 request of the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will consult with the Contractor prior to making 325 such a determination. If the Contracting Officer determines that Project Water, or other water 326 available to the Project, can be made available to the Contractor, the Contracting Officer will 327 announce the availability of such water and shall so notify the Contractor as soon as practical. The 328 Contracting Officer will thereafter meet with the Contractor and other Project Contractors capable of 329 taking such water to determine the most equitable and efficient allocation of such water. If the 330 Contractor requests the delivery of any quantity of such water, the Contracting Officer shall make 331 such water available to the Contractor in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, 332 and policies. Subject to existing interim renewal and long-term contractual commitments, water 333 rights and operational constraints, interim renewal and long-term Project Contractors shall have a first 334 right to acquire such water, including Project Water made available pursuant to Section 215 of the 335 RRA.

336 (g) The Contractor may request permission to reschedule for use during the
337 subsequent Year some or all of the Water Made Available to the Contractor during the current Year,
338 referred to as "rescheduled water." The Contractor may request permission to use during the current

Year a quantity of Project Water which may be made available by the United States to the Contractor
during the subsequent Year referred to as "preuse." The Contracting Officer's written approval may
permit such uses in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, guidelines, and policies.

342 (h) The Contractor's right pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and applicable 343 State law to the reasonable and beneficial use of Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during the 344 term thereof and any subsequent interim renewal contracts, as described in Article 2 of this Contract, 345 during the terms thereof shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor shall fulfill all of its 346 obligations under this Contract and any renewals thereof. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall 347 affect the Contracting Officer's ability to impose shortages under Article 11 or subdivision (b) of 348 Article 12 of this Contract or applicable provisions of any subsequent interim renewal contracts. 349 Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract may be (i) 350 delivered for purposes other than those described in subdivisions (m) and (o) of Article 1 of this 351 Contract upon written approval by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the terms and 352 conditions of such approval. 353

(j) The Contracting Officer shall make reasonable efforts to protect the water rights necessary for the Project and to provide the water available under this Contract and any renewal thereof. The Contracting Officer shall not object to participation by the Contractor, in the capacity and to the extent permitted by law, in administrative proceedings related to the Project Water rights; <u>Provided</u>, that the Contracting Officer retains the right to object to the substance of the Contractor's position in such a proceeding; <u>Provided</u>, further, That in such proceedings the Contracting Officer shall recognize the Contractor has a legal right under the terms of this Contract to use Project Water.

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### TIME FOR DELIVERY OF WATER

362 4. (a) On or about February 20 each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall 363 announce the Contracting Officer's expected declaration of the Water Made Available. Such 364 declaration will be expressed in terms of Water Made Available and will be updated monthly, and 365 more frequently if necessary, based on then-current operational and hydrologic conditions and a new 366 declaration with changes, if any, to the Water Made Available will be made. The Contracting Officer 367 shall provide forecasts of Project operations and the basis of the estimate, with relevant supporting 368 information, upon the written request of the Contractor.

369 On or before each March 1 and at such other times as necessary, the Contractor (b) 370 shall submit to the Contracting Officer a written schedule, satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, 371 showing the monthly quantities of Project Water to be delivered by the United States to the 372 Contractor pursuant to this Contract for the Year commencing on such March 1. The Contracting 373 Officer shall use all reasonable means to deliver Project Water according to the approved schedule for the Year commencing on such March 1. 374 375 (c) The Contractor shall not schedule Project Water in excess of the quantity of 376 Project Water the Contractor intends to put to reasonable and beneficial use within the Contractor's 377 Service Area or to sell, transfer, or exchange pursuant to Article 9 of this Contract during any Year. 378 Subject to the conditions set forth in subdivision (a) of Article 3 of this (d) 379 Contract, the United States shall deliver Project Water to the Contractor in accordance with the initial

380 schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to subdivision (b) of this Article, or any written

revision(s) thereto satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, submitted within a reasonable time prior to
the date(s) on which the requested change(s) is/are to be implemented.

### 383 <u>POINT OF DIVERSION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER</u>

384 5. (a) Project Water scheduled pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this
385 Contract shall be delivered to the Contractor at Project facilities and any additional point or points of
386 delivery either on Project facilities or another location or locations mutually agreed to in writing by
387 the Contracting Officer and the Contractor.

388 (b) The Contracting Officer, either directly or indirectly through its written 389 agreements(s) with the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), shall make all reasonable efforts to 390 maintain sufficient flows and levels of water in the Project facilities to deliver Project Water to the 391 Contractor at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. 392 The Contractor shall deliver Irrigation Water in accordance with any applicable (c) 393 land classification provisions of Federal Reclamation law and the associated regulations. The 394 Contractor shall not deliver Project Water to land outside the Contractor's Service Area unless 395 approved in advance by the Contracting Officer.

396 (d) All Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be
397 measured and recorded with equipment furnished, installed, operated, and maintained by the
398 Contracting Officer either directly or indirectly through its written agreements(s) with the Operating
399 Non-Federal Entity(ies), unless undertaken by the Contractor with the consent of the Contracting
400 Officer at the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. Upon
401 the request of either party to this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall investigate, or cause to be

investigated by the appropriate Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) the accuracy of such measurements
and shall take any necessary steps to adjust any errors appearing therein. For any period of time when
accurate measurements have not been made, the Contracting Officer shall consult with the Contractor
and the appropriate Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), if any, prior to making a final determination of
the quantity delivered for that period of time.

407 Absent a separate contrary written agreement with the Contractor, neither the (e) 408 Contracting Officer nor any Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) shall be responsible for the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of Water Delivered to the Contractor pursuant to this 409 410 Contract beyond the point or points of delivery established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article. The Contractor shall indemnify the United States, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns on 411 412 account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever for which there is legal 413 responsibility, including property damage, personal injury, or death arising out of or connected with 414 the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of such Water Delivered beyond such 415 point or points of delivery except for any damage or claim arising out of: (i) acts or omissions of the 416 Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, including the Operating 417 Non-Federal Entity(ies) with the intent of creating the situation resulting in any damage or claim; (ii) 418 willful misconduct of the Contracting Officer or any of its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, 419 including the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies); (iii) negligence of the Contracting Officer or any of 420 its officers, employees, agents, and assigns including the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies); (iv) a 421 malfunction of facilities owned and/or operated by the United States or the Operating Non-Federal 422 Entity(ies); or (v) failure of the United States, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, including

423 the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), to provide drainage service.

424 MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA 425 6. (a) The Contractor has established a measuring program satisfactory to the 426 Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall ensure that all surface water delivered for irrigation 427 purposes within the Contractor's Service Area is measured at each agricultural turnout and such water 428 delivered for M&I purposes is measured at each M&I service connection. The water measuring 429 devices or water measuring methods of comparable effectiveness must be acceptable to the 430 Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be responsible for installing, operating, maintaining, and 431 repairing all such measuring devices and implementing all such water measuring methods at no cost 432 to the United States. The Contractor shall use the information obtained from such water measuring devices or water measuring methods to ensure its proper management of the water; to bill water users 433 434 for water delivered by the Contractor; and, if applicable, to record water delivered for M&I purposes 435 by customer class as defined in the Contractor's water conservation plan provided for in Article 26 of 436 this Contract. Nothing herein contained, however, shall preclude the Contractor from establishing 437 and collecting any charges, assessments, or other revenues authorized by California law. The 438 Contractor shall include a summary of all its annual surface water deliveries in the annual report 439 described in subdivision (c) of Article 26 of this Contract.

(b) To the extent the information has not otherwise been provided, upon execution
of this Contract, the Contractor shall provide to the Contracting Officer a written report describing the
measurement devices or water measuring methods being used or to be used to implement subdivision
(a) of this Article and identifying the agricultural turnouts and the M&I service connections or

444	alternative measurement programs approved by the Contracting Officer, at which such measurement
445	devices or water measuring methods are being used, and, if applicable, identifying the locations at
446	which such devices and/or methods are not yet being used including a time schedule for
447	implementation at such locations. The Contracting Officer shall advise the Contractor in writing
448	within 60 days as to the adequacy and necessary modifications, if any, of the measuring devices or
449	water measuring methods identified in the Contractor's report and if the Contracting Officer does not
450	respond in such time, they shall be deemed adequate. If the Contracting Officer notifies the
451	Contractor that the measuring devices or methods are inadequate, the parties shall within 60 days
452	following the Contracting Officer's response, negotiate in good faith the earliest practicable date by
453	which the Contractor shall modify said measuring devices and/or measuring methods as required by
454	the Contracting Officer to ensure compliance with subdivision (a) of this Article.
455	(c) All new surface water delivery systems installed within the Contractor's
456	Service Area after the effective date of this Interim Renewal Contract shall also comply with the
457	measurement provisions described in subdivision (a) of this Article.
458	(d) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the State of California
459	in writing by April 30 of each Year of the monthly volume of surface water delivered within the
460	Contractor's Service Area during the previous Year.
461	(e) The Contractor shall inform the Contracting Officer and the Operating
462	Non-Federal Entity(ies) on or before the 20 <sup>th</sup> calendar day of each month of the quantity of Irrigation
463	Water and M&I Water taken during the preceding month.
464	RATES AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER

465	7. (a) The Contractor shall pay the United States as provided in this Article for all
466	Delivered Water at Rates and Charges established in accordance with: (i) the Secretary's ratesetting
467	policy for Irrigation Water adopted in 1988 and the Secretary's then-existing ratesetting policy for
468	M&I Water. Such ratesetting policies shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through a
469	public notice and comment procedure; (ii) applicable Federal Reclamation law and associated rules
470	and regulations, or policies; and (iii) other applicable provisions of this Contract. Payments shall be
471	made by cash transaction, electronic funds transfer, or any other mechanism as may be agreed to in
472	writing by the Contractor and the Contracting Officer. The Rates and Charges applicable to the
473	Contractor upon execution of this Contract are set forth in Exhibit "B," as may be revised annually.
474	(b) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor of the Rates and Charges
475	as follows:
476	(1) Prior to July 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall
477	provide the Contractor an estimate of the Charges for Project Water that will be applied to the period
478	October 1, of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and
479	the basis for such estimate. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and
480	comment on such estimates. On or before September 15 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting
<b>48</b> 1	Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Charges to be in effect during the period
482	October 1 of the current Calendar Year, through September 30, of the following Calendar Year, and
483	such notification shall revise Exhibit "B."
484	(2) Prior to October 1 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall
485	make available to the Contractor an estimate of the Rates for Project Water for the following Year

and the computations and cost allocations upon which those Rates are based. The Contractor shall be
allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such computations and cost allocations.
By December 31 of each Calendar Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor with
the final Rates to be in effect for the upcoming Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit "B."

490 At the time the Contractor submits the initial schedule for the delivery of (c) 491 Project Water for each Year pursuant to subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract, the Contractor shall make an advance payment to the United States equal to the total amount payable pursuant to the 492 493 applicable Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the Project Water scheduled to be 494 delivered pursuant to this Contract during the first two calendar months of the Year. Before the end 495 of the first month and before the end of each calendar month thereafter, the Contractor shall make an 496 advance payment to the United States, at the Rate(s) set under subdivision (a) of this Article, for the 497 Water Scheduled to be delivered pursuant to this Contract during the second month immediately 498 following. Adjustments between advance payments for Water Scheduled and payments at Rates due 499 for Water Delivered shall be made before the end of the following month; Provided, That any revised 500 schedule submitted by the Contractor pursuant to Article 4 of this Contract which increases the 501 amount of Water Delivered pursuant to this Contract during any month shall be accompanied with 502 appropriate advance payment, at the Rates then in effect, to assure that Project Water is not delivered 503 to the Contractor in advance of such payment. In any month in which the quantity of Water Delivered 504 to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract equals the quantity of Water Scheduled and paid for by the 505 Contractor, no additional Project Water shall be delivered to the Contractor unless and until an 506 advance payment at the Rates then in effect for such additional Project Water is made. Final

adjustment between the advance payments for the Water Scheduled and payments for the quantities of Water Delivered during each Year pursuant to this Contract shall be made as soon as practicable but no later than April 30th of the following Year, or 60 days after the delivery of Project Water rescheduled under subdivision (g) of Article 3 of this Contract if such water is not delivered by the last day of February.

512 (d) The Contractor shall also make a payment in addition to the Rate(s) in 513 subdivision (c) of this Article to the United States for Water Delivered, at the Charges then in effect, 514 before the end of the month following the month of delivery. The payments shall be consistent with 515 the quantities of Irrigation Water and M&I Water Delivered as shown in the water delivery report for the subject month prepared by the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) or, if there is no Operating Non-516 517 Federal Entity, by the Contracting Officer. The water delivery report shall be deemed a bill for the 518 payment of Charges for Water Delivered. Adjustment for overpayment or underpayment of Charges 519 shall be made through the adjustment of payments due to the United States for Charges for the next 520 month. Any amount to be paid for past due payment of Charge shall be computed pursuant to Article 521 20 of this Contract.

(e) The Contractor shall pay for any Water Delivered under subdivision (a), (f), or
(g) of Article 3 of this Contract as determined by the Contracting Officer pursuant to applicable
statutes, associated regulations, any applicable provisions of guidelines or ratesetting policies;
<u>Provided</u>, That the Rate for Water Delivered under subdivision (d) of Article 3 of this Contract shall
be no more than the otherwise applicable Rate for Irrigation Water or M&I Water under subdivision
(a) of this Article.

528 (f) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this Contract 529 may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor.

530 All revenues received by the United States from the Contractor relating to the (g) 531 delivery of Project Water or the delivery of non-Project water through Project facilities shall be 532 allocated and applied in accordance with Federal Reclamation law and the associated rules or regulations, and the then-current Project ratesetting policies for M&I Water or Irrigation Water. 533 534 (h) The Contracting Officer shall keep its accounts pertaining to the administration 535 of the financial terms and conditions of its long-term contracts, in accordance with applicable Federal 536 standards, so as to reflect the application of Project costs and revenues. The Contracting Officer 537 shall, each Year upon request of the Contractor, provide to the Contractor a detailed accounting of all 538 Project and Contractor expense allocations, the disposition of all Project and Contractor revenues, 539 and a summary of all water delivery information. The Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall 540 enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or disputes relating to accountings, 541 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 and Charges 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.

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### (j) Omitted

550 (1-3) Omitted

551 For the term of this Contract, Rates applied under the respective ratesetting (k) 552 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 553 554 interest, where appropriate, except in instances where a minimum Rate is applicable in accordance 555 with the relevant Project ratesetting policy. Changes of significance in practices which implement the 556 Contracting Officer's ratesetting policies will not be implemented until the Contracting Officer has 557 provided the Contractor an opportunity to discuss the nature, need, and impact of the proposed 558 change. Except as provided in subsections 3405(a)(1)(B) and 3405(f) of the CVPIA, 559 (1) 560 the Rates for Project Water transferred by the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Rates, in 561 accordance with the applicable Project ratesetting policy, adjusted upward or downward to reflect the changed costs, if any, incurred by the Contracting Officer in the delivery of the transferred Project 562 563 Water to the transferee's point of delivery. If the Contractor is receiving lower Rates and Charges 564 because of inability to pay and is transferring Project Water to another entity whose Rates and 565 Charges are not adjusted due to inability to pay, the Rates and Charges for transferred Project Water 566 shall not be adjusted to reflect the Contractor's inability to pay. (m) Pursuant to the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat.3050), the Contracting 567 568 Officer is authorized to adjust determinations of ability to pay every five years.

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## NON-INTEREST BEARING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DEFICITS

570 8. The Contractor and the Contracting Officer concur that, as of the effective date of this
571 Contract the Contractor has no non-interest bearing O&M deficits and shall have no further liability
572 therefore.

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## SALES, TRANSFERS, OR EXCHANGES OF WATER

574 9. The right to receive Project Water provided for in this Contract may be sold, (a) transferred, or exchanged to others for reasonable and beneficial uses within the State of California if 575 576 such sale, transfer, or exchange is authorized by applicable Federal and State laws, and applicable 577 guidelines or regulations then in effect. No sale, transfer, or exchange of Project Water under this Contract may take place without the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer, except as 578 579 provided for in subdivision (b) of this Article, and no such sales, transfers, or exchanges shall be 580 approved absent all appropriate environmental documentation, including, but not limited to, 581 documents prepared pursuant to the NEPA and ESA. Such environmental documentation should 582 include, as appropriate, an analysis of groundwater impacts and economic and social effects, 583 including environmental justice, of the proposed water transfers on both the transferor and transferee. 584 (b) In order to facilitate efficient water management by means of water transfers of the type historically carried out among Project Contractors located within the same geographical area 585 586 and to allow the Contractor to participate in an accelerated water transfer program during the term of 587 this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall prepare, as appropriate, all necessary environmental 588 documentation, including, but not limited to, documents prepared pursuant to the NEPA and ESA, 589 analyzing annual transfers within such geographical areas and the Contracting Officer shall determine 590 whether such transfers comply with applicable law. Following the completion of the environmental

documentation, such transfers addressed in such documentation shall be conducted with advance notice to the Contracting Officer, but shall not require prior written approval by the Contracting Officer. Such environmental documentation and the Contracting Officer's compliance determination shall be reviewed every five years and updated, as necessary, prior to the expiration of the then existing five-year period. All subsequent environmental documentation shall include an alternative to evaluate not less than the quantity of Project Water historically transferred within the same geographical area.

598 For a water transfer to qualify under subdivision (b) of this Article, such water (c) 599 transfer must: (i) be for irrigation purposes for lands irrigated within the previous three years, for 600 M&I use, groundwater recharge, groundwater banking, or similar groundwater activities, surface 601 water storage, or fish and wildlife resources; not lead to land conversion; and be delivered to 602 established cropland, wildlife refuges, groundwater basins, or M&I use; (ii) occur within a single 603 Year; (iii) occur between a willing seller and a willing buyer; (iv) convey water through existing 604 facilities with no new construction or modifications to facilities and be between existing Project 605 Contractors and/or the Contractor and the United States, Department of the Interior; and (v) comply 606 with all applicable Federal, State, and local or tribal laws and requirements imposed for protection of 607 the environment and Indian Trust Assets, as defined under Federal law.

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### APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

609 10. (a) The amount of any overpayment by the Contractor of the Contractor's O&M,
610 capital, and deficit (if any) obligations for the Year shall be applied first to any current liabilities of
611 the Contractor arising out of this Contract then due and payable. Overpayments of more than \$1,000

612	shall be refunded at the Contractor's request. In lieu of a refund, any amount of such overpayment, at
613	the option of the Contractor, may be credited against amounts to become due to the United States by
614	the Contractor. With respect to overpayment, such refund or adjustment shall constitute the sole
615	remedy of the Contractor or anyone having or claiming to have the right to the use of any of the
616	Project Water supply provided for herein. All credits and refunds of overpayments shall be made
617	within 30 days of the Contracting Officer obtaining direction as to how to credit or refund such
618	overpayment in response to the notice to the Contractor that it has finalized the accounts for the Year
619	in which the overpayment was made.
620	(b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the
621	Contractor pursuant to Article 25 of this Contract shall be adjusted to reflect the actual costs when the
622	work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual costs incurred, the difference will be
623	refunded to the Contractor. If the actual costs exceed the Contractor's advances, the Contractor will
624	be billed for the additional costs pursuant to Article 25 of this Contract.
625	TEMPORARY REDUCTIONSRETURN FLOWS
626	11. (a) Subject to: (i) the authorized purposes and priorities of the Project and the
627	requirements of Federal law, and (ii) the obligations of the United States under existing contracts, or
628	renewals thereof, providing for water deliveries from the Project, the Contracting Officer shall make
629	all reasonable efforts to optimize Project Water deliveries to the Contractor as provided in this
630	Contract.
631	(b) The Contracting Officer or Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) may temporarily
632	discontinue or reduce the quantity of Water Delivered to the Contractor as herein provided for the

633 purposes of investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any of the Project 634 facilities or any part thereof necessary for the delivery of Project Water to the Contractor, but so far as 635 feasible the Contracting Officer or Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) will give the Contractor due 636 notice in advance of such temporary discontinuance or reduction, except in case of emergency, in 637 which case no notice need be given; Provided, That the United States shall use its best efforts to avoid 638 any discontinuance or reduction in such service. Upon resumption of service after such reduction or discontinuance, and if requested by the Contractor, the United States will, if possible, deliver the 639 640 quantity of Project Water which would have been delivered hereunder in the absence of such 641 discontinuance or reduction. 642 The United States reserves the right to all seepage and return flow water (c) 643 derived from Water Delivered to the Contractor hereunder which escapes or is discharged beyond the 644 Contractor's Service Area; Provided, That this shall not be construed as claiming for the United States 645 any right to seepage or return flow being put to reasonable and beneficial use pursuant to this 646 Contract within the Contractor's Service Area by the Contractor or those claiming by, through, or 647 under the Contractor. 648 CONSTRAINTS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER 649 12. In its operation of the Project, the Contracting Officer will use all reasonable (a)\_ 650 means to guard against a Condition of Shortage in the quantity of water to be made available to the 651 Contractor pursuant to this Contract. In the event the Contracting Officer determines that a Condition 652 of Shortage appears probable, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of said determination 653 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.

In any Year in which there may occur a Condition of Shortage for any of the 659 (c) 660 reasons specified in subdivision (b) of this Article, and subject to subdivision (d) of this Article, the 661 Contracting Officer will first allocate the available Project Water consistent with the Central Valley 662 Project M&I Water Shortage in its form applicable under Article 12(c) of water service contracts in effect on the date of this contract which provide water service from Delta Division Facilities. Subject 663 664 to the foregoing allocation, in any year in which there may occur a Condition of Shortage, the 665 Contracting Officer shall then apportion Project Water among the Contractor and others entitled to 666 Project Water from Delta Division Facilities under long-term water service or repayment contracts (or 667 renewals thereof or binding commitments therefore) in force on February 28, 2005, as follows: 668 (1)The Contracting Officer shall make an initial and subsequent determination as necessary of the total quantity of Project Water estimated to be scheduled or actually 669 670 scheduled under subdivision (b) of Article 4 of this Contract and under all other interim renewal, 671 long-term water service or repayment contracts then in force for the delivery of Project Water by the 672 United States from Delta Division Facilities during the relevant Year, the quantity so determined being hereinafter referred to as the scheduled total; 673 A determination shall be made of the total quantity of Project Water 674 (2)

that is available for meeting the scheduled total, the quantity so determined being hereinafter referredto as the available supply;

677 (3) The total quantity of Project Water estimated to be scheduled or
678 actually scheduled by the Contractor during the relevant Year, under subdivision (b) of Article 4
679 hereof, shall be divided by the scheduled total, the quotient thus obtained being hereinafter referred to
680 as the Contractor's proportionate share; and

681 The available supply shall be multiplied by the Contractor's (4)682 proportionate share and the result shall be the quantity of Project Water made available by the United States to the Contractor for the relevant Year in accordance with the schedule developed by the 683 684 Contracting Officer under subdivision (c) (1) of this Article 12, but in no event shall such amount exceed the Contract Total. In the event the Contracting Officer subsequently determines that the 685 686 Contracting Officer can increase or needs to decrease the available supply for delivery from Delta 687 Division Facilities to interim renewal, long-term water service, and repayment contractors during the 688 relevant Year, such additions or reductions to the available supply shall be apportioned consistent 689 with subparagraphs (1) through (4), inclusive.

(d) By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive any legal rights or
remedies it may have to file or participate in any administrative or judicial proceeding contesting (i)
the sufficiency of the Central Valley Project M&I Water Shortage Policy; (ii) the substance of such a
policy; (iii) the applicability of such a policy; or (iv) the manner in which such policy is implemented
in order to allocate Project Water between municipal and industrial and irrigation purposes; <u>Provided</u>,
That the Contractor has commenced any such judicial challenge or any administrative procedures

696 necessary to institute any judicial challenge within six months of the policy becoming final. By 697 agreeing to the foregoing, the Contracting Officer does not waive any legal defenses or remedies that 698 it may have to assert in such a proceeding. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to validate 699 or invalidate the Central Valley Project M&I Water Shortage Policy.

700 By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive any legal rights or (e) 701 remedies it may have to file or participate in any administrative or judicial proceeding contesting; (i) 702 the sufficiency of the Central Valley Project M&I Water Shortage Policy; (ii) the substance of such a policy; (iii) the applicability of such a policy; or (iv) the manner in which such policy is implemented 703 704 in order to allocate Project Water between municipal and industrial and irrigation purposes; Provided, 705 That the Contractor has commenced any such judicial challenge or any administrative procedures 706 necessary to institute any judicial challenge within 6 months of the policy becoming final. By 707 agreeing to the foregoing, the Contracting Officer does not waive any legal defenses or remedies that it may have to assert in such a proceeding. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted to validate 708 709 or invalidate the Central Valley Project M&I Water Shortage Policy.

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## UNAVOIDABLE GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION

711 13. To the extent applicable, the Contractor shall not be deemed to have delivered 712 Irrigation Water to Excess Lands or Ineligible Lands within the meaning of this Contract if such lands 713 are irrigated with groundwater that reaches the underground strata as an unavoidable result of the 714 delivery of Irrigation Water by the Contractor to Eligible Lands.

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#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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.

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### WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

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.

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# QUALITY OF WATER

725 16. (a) Project facilities used to deliver Project Water to the Contractor pursuant to 726 this Contract shall be operated and maintained to enable the United States to deliver Project Water to 727 the Contractor in accordance with the water quality standards specified in subsection 2(b) of the Act 728 of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 865), as added by Section 101 of the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 729 3050) or other existing Federal laws. The United States is under no obligation to construct or furnish 730 water treatment facilities to maintain or to improve the quality of Water Delivered to the Contractor 731 pursuant to this Contract. The United States does not warrant the quality of Water Delivered to the 732 Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

(b) The O&M of Project facilities shall be performed in such manner as is
practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through such facilities at the highest
level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall be
responsible for compliance with all State and Federal water quality standards applicable to surface
and subsurface agricultural drainage discharges generated through the use of Federal or Contractor
facilities or Project Water provided by the Contractor within the Contractor's Service Area.

739 (c) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing when drainage
 740 service becomes available. Thereafter, the Contracting Officer shall provide drainage service to the

Contractor at rates established pursuant to the then-existing ratesetting policy for Irrigation Water;
 <u>Provided</u>, That such ratesetting policy shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through the
 process described in subdivision (a) of Article 7 of this Contract.

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# WATER ACOUIRED BY THE CONTRACTOR OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

747 17. Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor other (a) 748 than from the United States and Irrigation Water furnished pursuant to the terms of this Contract may 749 be simultaneously transported through the same distribution facilities of the Contractor subject to the 750 following: (i) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation Water and non-Project water were 751 constructed without funds made available pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, the provisions of 752 Federal Reclamation law will be applicable only to the Landholders of lands which receive Irrigation 753 Water; (ii) the eligibility of land to receive Irrigation Water must be established through the 754 certification requirements as specified in the Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations (43 CFR Part 755 426); (iii) the water requirements of Eligible Lands within the Contractor's Service Area can be 756 established and the quantity of Irrigation Water to be utilized is less than or equal to the quantity 757 necessary to irrigate such Eligible Lands; and (iv) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation 758 Water and non-Project water are/were constructed with funds made available pursuant to Federal 759 Reclamation law, the non-Project water will be subject to the acreage limitation provisions of Federal 760 Reclamation law, unless the Contractor pays to the United States the incremental fee described in 43 761 CFR 426.15. In determining the incremental fee, the Contracting Officer will calculate annually the 762 cost to the Federal Government, including interest, of storing or delivering non-Project water, which

763 for purposes of this Contract shall be determined as follows: The quotient shall be the unpaid 764 distribution system costs divided by the total irrigable acreage within the Contractor's Service Area. 765 The incremental fee per acre is the mathematical result of such quotient times the interest rate 766 determined using Section 202 (3) of the Act of October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263). Such incremental 767 fee will be charged to each acre of excess or full cost land within the Contractor's Service Area that 768 receives non-Project water through Federally financed or constructed facilities. The incremental fee 769 calculation methodology will continue during the term of this Contract absent the promulgation of a 770 contrary Reclamation-wide rule, regulation, or policy adopted after the Contractor has been afforded 771 the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed rule, regulation, or policy. If such rule, 772 regulation, or policy is adopted it shall supersede this provision. 773 (b) Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Contractor, other 774 than from the United States may be stored, conveyed and/or diverted through Project facilities,

subject to the completion of appropriate environmental documentation, with the approval of the

776 Contracting Officer and the execution of any contract determined by the Contracting Officer to be

necessary, consistent with the following provisions:

(1) The Contractor may introduce non-Project water into Project facilities and deliver said water to lands within the Contractor's Service Area, including Ineligible Lands, subject to payment to the United States and/or to any applicable Operating Non-Federal Entity of an appropriate rate as determined by the applicable Project ratesetting policy, the RRA, and the Project use power policy, if such Project use power policy is applicable, each as amended, modified, or superseded from time to time.

784 (2)Delivery of such non-Project water in and through Project facilities 785 shall only be allowed to the extent such deliveries do not: (i) interfere with other Project purposes as 786 determined by the Contracting Officer; (ii) reduce the quantity or quality of water available to other 787 Project Contractors; (iii) interfere with the delivery of contractual water entitlements to any other 788 Project Contractors; or (iv) interfere with the physical maintenance of the Project facilities. 789 (3) Neither the United States nor the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies) shall be responsible for control, care or distribution of the non-Project water before it is introduced 790 791 into or after it is delivered from the Project facilities. The Contractor hereby releases and agrees to 792 defend and indemnify the United States and the Operating Non-Federal Entity(ies), and their 793 respective officers, agents, and employees, from any claim for damage to persons or property, direct 794 or indirect, resulting from the act(s) of the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, in 795 (i) extracting or diverting non-Project water from any source, or (ii) diverting such non-Project water into Project facilities. 796 797 (4) Diversion of such non-Project water into Project facilities shall be 798 consistent with all applicable laws, and if involving groundwater, consistent with any applicable 799 groundwater management plan for the area from which it was extracted. After Project purposes are met, as determined by the Contracting 800 (5) 801 Officer, the United States and Project Contractors entitled to Project Water from Delta Division 802 Facilities shall share priority to utilize the remaining capacity of the facilities declared to be available 803 by the Contracting Officer for conveyance and transportation of non-Project water prior to any such 804 remaining capacity being made available to non-Project contractors. Other Project Contractors shall

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

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#### OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

809 18. (a) Where the terms of this Contract provide for actions to be based upon the 810 opinion or determination of either party to this Contract, said terms shall not be construed as 811 permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, expressly reserve 812 813 the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment for any such arbitrary, capricious, or 814 unreasonable opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be 815 provided in a timely manner. Nothing in this subdivision (a) of this Article is intended to or shall 816 affect or alter the standard of judicial review applicable under Federal law to any opinion or 817 determination implementing a specific provision of Federal law embodied in statute or regulation. 818 (b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary 819 to administer this Contract that are consistent with the provisions of this Contract, the laws of the United States and of the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the 820 821 Secretary of the Interior. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to 822 the extent reasonably practicable.

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#### COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

824 19. (a) In order to further their mutual goals and objectives, the Contracting Officer
825 and the Contractor shall communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with each other, and with other

826	affected Project Contractors, in order to improve the operation and management of the Project. The
827	communication, coordination, and cooperation regarding operations and management shall include,
828	but not be limited to, any action which will or may materially affect the quantity or quality of Project
829	Water supply, the allocation of Project Water supply, and Project financial matters including, but not
830	limited to, budget issues. The communication, coordination, and cooperation provided for hereunder
831	shall extend to all provisions of this Contract. Each party shall retain exclusive decision making
832	authority for all actions, opinions, and determinations to be made by the respective party.
833	(b) Within 120 days following the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor,
834	other affected Project Contractors, and the Contracting Officer shall arrange to meet with interested
835	Project Contractors to develop a mutually agreeable, written Project-wide process, which may be
836	amended as necessary separate and apart from this Contract. The goal of this process shall be to
837	provide, to the extent practicable, the means of mutual communication and interaction regarding
838	significant decisions concerning Project operation and management on a real-time basis.
839	(c) In light of the factors referred to in subdivision (b) of Article 3 of this Contract,
840	it is the intent of the Secretary to improve water supply reliability. To carry out this intent:
841	(1) The Contracting Officer will, at the request of the Contractor, assist in
842	the development of integrated resource management plans for the Contractor. Further, the
843	Contracting Officer will, as appropriate, seek authorizations for implementation of partnerships to
844	improve water supply, water quality, and reliability.
845	(2) The Secretary will, as appropriate, pursue program and project
846	implementation and authorization in coordination with Project Contractors to improve the water

supply, water quality, and reliability of the Project for all Project purposes.

The Secretary will coordinate with Project Contractors and the State of 848 (3) 849 California to seek improved water resource management. 850 (4) The Secretary will coordinate actions of agencies within the 851 Department of the Interior that may impact the availability of water for Project purposes. 852 (5) The Contracting Officer shall periodically, but not less than annually, hold division level meetings to discuss Project operations, division level water management activities, 853 854 and other issues as appropriate.

855 (d) Without limiting the contractual obligations of the Contracting Officer under

the other Articles of this Contract, nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or constrain the

857 Contracting Officer's ability to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with the Contractor or other

858 interested stakeholders or to make decisions in a timely fashion as needed to protect health, safety, or

- 859 the physical integrity of structures or facilities.
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CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

861 20. The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative and penalty charges (a) on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the due date, the 862 863 Contractor shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. 864 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 865 866 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 867 868 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.

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

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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

879 The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for (a) 880 employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take 881 affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during 882 employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall 883 include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of payment or other forms of 884 compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in 885 886 conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by 887 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.

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

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

905 (f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination
 906 clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be
 907 canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible
 908 for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in said amended

Executive Order, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in said
 Executive Order, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided
 by law.

912 The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) in (g) 913 every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the 914 Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of said amended Executive Order, so that such 915 provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action 916 with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a 917 means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, 918 That in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a 919 subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to 920 enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

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# GENERAL OBLIGATION--BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT

922 22. (a) The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided in this
923 Contract is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation
924 may be distributed among the Contractor's water users and notwithstanding the default of individual
925 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.

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

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

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# COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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

940 (b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds 941 of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the 942 benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving 943 financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. By executing this Contract, the Contractor 944 agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to implement this obligation, including permitting 945 officials of the United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.

946 (c) The Contractor makes this agreement in consideration of and for the purpose of 947 obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or other Federal financial 948 assistance extended after the date hereof to the Contractor by the Bureau of Reclamation, including 949 installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance 950 which were approved before such date. The Contractor recognizes and agrees that such Federal 951 assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Article, 952 and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement thereof.

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# PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

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#### CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

981 25. In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor pursuant to this 982 Contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, within 60 days after receipt of a bill and 983 detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Contractor for such specific items of 984 direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Contractor associated with this 985 Contract plus indirect costs in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policies and 986 procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article shall not exceed the amount agreed to in 987 writing in advance by the Contractor. This Article shall not apply to costs for routine contract 988 administration.

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# WATER CONSERVATION

990 26. Prior to the delivery of water provided from or conveyed through Federally (a) 991 constructed or Federally financed facilities pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall be 992 implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the Contractor's water 993 conservation plan that has been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet the conservation and 994 efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law. The water 995 conservation and efficiency program shall contain definite water conservation objectives, appropriate 996 economically feasible water conservation measures, and time schedules for meeting those objectives. 997 Continued Project Water delivery pursuant to this Contract shall be contingent upon the Contractor's 998 continued implementation of such water conservation program. In the event the Contractor's water 999 conservation plan or any revised water conservation plan completed pursuant to subdivision (d) of 1000 this Article 26 have not yet been determined by the Contracting Officer to meet such criteria, due to

circumstances which the Contracting Officer determines are beyond the control of the Contractor,
water deliveries shall be made under this Contract so long as the Contractor diligently works with the
Contracting Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest practicable date, and thereafter the
Contractor immediately begins implementing its water conservation and efficiency program in
accordance with the time schedules therein.

(b) Should the amount of M&I Water delivered pursuant to subdivision (a) of
Article 3 of this Contract equal or exceed 2,000 acre-feet per Year, the Contractor shall implement the
Best Management Practices identified by the time frames issued by the California Urban Water
Conservation Council for such M&I Water unless any such practice is determined by the Contracting
Officer to be inappropriate for the Contractor.

1011 (c) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a report on the status of 1012 its implementation of the water conservation plan on the reporting dates specified in the then-existing 1013 conservation and efficiency criteria established under Federal law.

1014 (d) At five-year intervals, the Contractor shall revise its water conservation plan to reflect the then-current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans 1015 1016 established under Federal law and submit such revised water management plan to the Contracting 1017 Officer for review and evaluation. The Contracting Officer will then determine if the water 1018 conservation plan meets Reclamation's then-current conservation and efficiency criteria for 1019 evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law. 1020 If the Contractor is engaged in direct groundwater recharge, such activity shall (e)

1020 (e) If the Contractor is engaged in direct groundwater recharge, such activity shall 1021 be described in the Contractor's water conservation plan.

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#### EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

1023 27. Except as specifically provided in Article 17 of this l Contract, the provisions of this 1024 Contract shall not be applicable to or affect non-Project water or water rights now owned or hereafter 1025 acquired by the Contractor or any user of such water within the Contractor's Service Area. Any such 1026 water shall not be considered Project Water under this Contract. In addition, this Contract shall not 1027 be construed as limiting or curtailing any rights which the Contractor or any water user within the 1028 Contractor's Service Area acquires or has available under any other contract pursuant to Federal 1029 Reclamation law.

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# OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY

28. (a) The O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor, and
responsibility for funding a portion of the costs of such O&M, have been transferred to the San Luis
& Delta-Mendota Water Authority, an Operating Non-Federal Entity by separate agreement (8-07-20X0354) between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota
Water Authority. That separate agreement shall not interfere with or affect the rights or obligations of
the Contractor or the United States hereunder.

(b) The Contracting Officer has previously notified the Contractor in writing that
the O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor has been transferred to
Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and therefore, the
Contractor shall pay directly to Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water
Authority, or to any successor approved by the Contracting Officer under the terms and conditions of
the separate agreement between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis &

1044 Delta-Mendota Water Authority, described in subdivision (a) of this Article, all rates, charges, or assessments of any kind, including any assessment for reserve funds, which Operating Non-Federal 1045 1046 Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or such successor determines, sets, or establishes 1047 for the O&M of the portion of the Project facilities operated and maintained by Operating Non-1048 Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or such successor. Such direct payments 1049 to Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or such successor shall 1050 not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to pay directly to the United States the Contractor's share 1051 of the Project Rates and Charges except to the extent the Operating Non-Federal Entity collects 1052 payments on behalf of the United States in accordance with subdivision (a) of this Article. 1053 For so long as the O&M of any portion of the Project facilities serving the (c) 1054 Contractor is performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water 1055 Authority, or any successor thereto, the Contracting Officer shall adjust those components of the 1056 Rates for Water Delivered under this Contract representing the cost associated with the activity being 1057 performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or its 1058 successor.

(d) In the event the O&M of the Project facilities operated and maintained by
Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority is re-assumed by the
United States during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractor,
in writing, and present to the Contractor a revised Exhibit "B" which shall include the portion of the
Rates to be paid by the Contractor for Project Water under this Contract representing the O&M costs
of the portion of such Project facilities which have been re-assumed. The Contractor shall, thereafter,

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in the absence of written notification from the Contracting Officer to the contrary, pay the Rates and
Charges specified in the revised Exhibit "B" directly to the United States in compliance with Article 7
of this Contract.

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# OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

1070 28.1 (a) The O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor, and 1071 responsibility for funding a portion of the costs of such O&M, have been transferred to the California 1072 Department of Water Resources, an Operating Non-Federal Entity by a separate agreement (14-06-1073 200-9755) between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of 1074 Water Resources. This separate agreement shall not interfere with or affect the rights or obligations 1075 of the Contractor or the United States hereunder.

1076 (b) The Contracting Officer has previously notified the Contractor in writing that 1077 the O&M of a portion of the Project facilities which serve the Contractor has been transferred to 1078 Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, and the Contractor shall 1079 pay directly to Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or to any 1080 successor approved by the Contracting Officer under the terms and conditions of the separate 1081 agreement between the United States and Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota 1082 Water Authority, described in subdivision (a) of Article 28 of this Contract, all rates, charges, or 1083 assessments of any kind, including any assessment for reserve funds, which Operating Non-Federal 1084 Entity California Department of Water Resources, or such successor determines, sets, or establishes 1085 for the O&M of the portion of the Project facilities operated and maintained by Operating Non-1086 Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, or such successor. Such direct payments to Operating Non-Federal Entity San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, or such successor shall
not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to pay directly to the United States the Contractor's share
of the Project Rates and Charges except to the extent the Operating Non-Federal Entity collects
payments on behalf of the United States in accordance with the separate agreement identified in
subdivision (a) of Article 28 of this Contract.

(c) For so long as the O&M of any portion of the Project facilities serving the
 Contractor is performed by Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources,
 or any successor thereto, the Contracting Officer shall adjust those components of the Rates for Water
 Delivered under this Contract representing the cost associated with the activity being performed by
 Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources, or its successor.

1097 In the event the O&M of the Project facilities operated and maintained by (d) 1098 Operating Non-Federal Entity California Department of Water Resources is re-assumed by the United 1099 States during the term of this Contract, the Contracting Officer shall so notify the Contractor, in 1100 writing, and present to the Contractor a revised Exhibit "B" which shall include the portion of the 1101 Rates and Charges, to be paid by the Contractor for Project Water under this Contract representing the 1102 O&M costs of the portion of such Project facilities which have been re-assumed. The Contractor 1103 shall, thereafter, in the absence of written notification from the Contracting Officer to the contrary, 1104 pay the Rates and Charges specified in the revised Exhibit "B" directly to the United States in 1105 compliance with Article 7 of this Contract. 1106 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BY THE CONTRACTOR 1107 28.2 (a) (Include only in WWD Interim)

1108 PUMPING PLANTS, POWER FOR PUMPING PLANTS, AND TRANSFER OF

#### 1109 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TO THE CONTRACTOR

1110 28.3. (a) The United States shall furnish and install pumping plants and furnish the 1111 amount of Project power the Contracting Officer determines is necessary to deliver Project Water to 1112 the Contractor from the Delta-Mendota, San Luis, and Coalinga Canals, including the Pleasant Valley 1113 Pumping Plant, at the point(s) of delivery identified pursuant to subdivision (a) of Article 5 of this 1114 Contract at heads and elevations sufficient to irrigate by gravity the areas within the Contractor's 1115 Service Area below 700 feet mean sea level elevation.

1116 With advance approval of the Contracting Officer, the Contractor may, at its (b) 1117 own expense, furnish and install pumping facilities, and related electrical equipment, to enable it to 1118 divert and deliver Project Water from the Delta-Mendota, San Luis, and Coalinga Canals and the 1119 Pleasant Valley Pumping Plant before the United States furnishes and installs all the pumping plants 1120 referred to in subdivision (a) of this Article. The United States shall furnish the amount of Project 1121 power needed to operate such pumping facilities; Provided, That the Contractor maintains an 1122 agreement with an entity to convey such power to such facilities, and the Contractor agrees to pay any 1123 and all charges assessed by that entity for such service.

(c) The furnishing of power by the United States shall be in conformance with operating criteria, rules, and regulations, including the project use power policy, established by the Contracting Officer; <u>Provided</u>, That any such operating criteria, rules, and regulations, including the project use power policy, established by the Contracting Officer shall not excuse the United States from its obligation under subdivision (a) of this Article. Such operating criteria, rules, and regulations shall be developed in cooperation with the Contractor and shall be based on acceptable

irrigation management practices and the power generation capacity available to the United States forthe furnishing of Project Water to the Contractor.

(d) The Contractor hereby agrees to operate and maintain, at its own expense, all
of the pumping facilities described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this Article in such a manner that
they remain in good and efficient condition; <u>Provided</u>, That the United States shall finance the costs
of all major replacements that the Contracting Officer determines are needed.

(e) The Contracting Officer or his representative shall at all times have access to
and may inspect and investigate the pumping facilities for the purpose of ascertaining if they are
being kept in safe and proper operating condition.

1139 No change in any of the pumping facilities, which in the opinion of the (f) 1140 Contracting Officer is substantial, shall be made by the Contractor without first obtaining the written 1141 consent of the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall promptly make any and all repairs and 1142 replacements to the pumping facilities which in the opinion of the Contracting Officer are necessary. 1143 In the event the Contractor neglects or fails to make such repairs and replacements or in the event of 1144 operation by the United States of the pumping facilities pursuant to subdivision (g) of this Article, the 1145 United States may cause the repairs and replacements to be made and the cost thereof, as determined 1146 by the Contracting Officer, shall be paid by the Contractor to the United States upon notice of the 1147 payment due but not later than April 1 of the year following that during which such work was 1148 completed.

(g) In the event the Contracting Officer determines that the Contractor has not
 properly cared for, operated, and maintained said pumping facilities or has failed to comply with any

1151	of the provisions of this Article, then at the election of the Contracting Officer the United States may
1152	take over from the Contractor the care and O&M of the pumping facilities by giving written notice to
1153	the Contractor of such election and the effective date thereof. Thereafter, during the period of
1154	operation by the United States, the Contractor shall pay to the United States in advance of the use of
1155	such pumping facilities the Contractor's share of the cost of O&M thereof and replacements
1156	therefore, as fixed in notices from the Contracting Officer. In the event such advances are inadequate
1157	to properly care for, operate, and maintain the pumping facilities to the end of any year, the
1158	Contracting Officer may give written notice of a supplemental O&M charge and the Contractor shall
1159	pay such amount on or before the date specified in said notice. Any amount of such advances
1160	remaining unexpended or unobligated, at the option of the Contractor, either shall be refunded or
1161	credited upon amounts to become due to the United States from the Contractor under the provisions
1162	of this Contract in subsequent years. The pumping facilities so taken back by the United States may
1163	be returned to the Contractor upon the furnishing to the Contractor of a written 90-day notice of
1164	intention to retransfer.
1165	(h) The Contractor shall hold the United States, its officers, and employees
1166	harmless from every and all claim for damages to persons or property arising out of or connected with

the Contractor's O&M of the pumping facilities referred to in this Article; <u>Provided</u>, That nothing
contained herein shall be construed as an assumption of liability by the Contractor to parties other
than the United States with respect to such matters.

1170 (i) During the time the pumping facilities are operated and maintained by the
1171 Contractor, in addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor under this Interim Renewal

1172 Contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States pursuant to Article 25 hereof, costs incurred by 1173 the United States for work associated with the pumping facilities under this Interim Renewal Contract 1174 normally charged by the United States to water users and properly and equitably chargeable to the

1175 Contractor.

(j) The Contracting Officer may make review of any part or all of the pumping
facilities being operated by the Contractor pursuant to this Article to assist the Contractor in assessing
the condition of facilities and the adequacy of the maintenance program(s). The Contracting Officer
shall prepare reports based on the examinations, inspections or audits, and furnish copies of such
reports and any recommendations to the Contractor. The Contractor shall reimburse the actual cost
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 remedial measures required for their correction, and to assist the Contractor in solving specific problems. Any special inspection or audit shall, except in a case of emergency, be made after written notice to the Contractor and the actual cost thereof shall be paid by the Contractor to the United States.

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#### CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

1191 29. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the
1192 United States under this Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds.
1193 Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligations
1194 under this Contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated
1195 or allotted.

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1197	BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS
1198	30. (a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and
1199	records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Contract including: the
1200	Contractor's financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way agreements;
1201	the water users' land-use (crop census), land ownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other
1202	matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the
1203	Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require.
1204	Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Contract shall have the right
1205	during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records relating to
1206	matters covered by this Contract.
1207	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a) of this Article, no books,
1208	records, or other information shall be requested from the Contractor by the Contracting Officer unless
1209	such books, records, or information are reasonably related to the administration or performance of
1210	this Contract. Any such request shall allow the Contractor a reasonable period of time within which
1211	to provide the requested books, records, or information.
1212	(c) At such time as the Contractor provides information to the Contracting Officer
1213	pursuant to subdivision (a) of this Article, a copy of such information shall be provided to the
1214	Operating Non-Federal Entity (ies).
1215	ASSIGNMENT LIMITEDSUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED
1216	31. (a) The provisions of this Contract shall apply to and bind the successors and
1217	assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this Contract or any right or interest
1218	therein shall be valid until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.
1219	(b) The assignment of any right or interest in this Contract by either party shall not
1220	interfere with the rights or obligations of the other party to this Contract absent the written
1221	concurrence of said other party.

1222 (c) The Contracting Officer shall not unreasonably condition or withhold approval 1223 of any proposed assignment.

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#### <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

1225 32. In the event that a person or entity who is neither (i) a party to a Project contract, nor 1226 (ii) a person or entity that receives Project Water from a party to a Project contract, nor (iii) an 1227 association or other form of organization whose primary function is to represent parties to Project 1228 contracts, brings an action in a court of competent jurisdiction challenging the legality or 1229 enforceability of a provision included in this Contract and said person, entity, association, or 1230 organization obtains a final court decision holding that such provision is legally invalid or 1231 unenforceable and the Contractor has not intervened in that lawsuit in support of the plaintiff(s), the 1232 parties to this Contract shall use their best efforts to (i) within 30 days of the date of such final court 1233 decision identify by mutual agreement the provisions in this Contract which must be revised and (ii) 1234 within three months thereafter promptly agree on the appropriate revision(s). The time periods 1235 specified above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Pending the completion of the 1236 actions designated above, to the extent it can do so without violating any applicable provisions of 1237 law, the United States shall continue to make the quantities of Project Water specified in this Contract 1238 available to the Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Contract which were not found to be 1239 legally invalid or unenforceable in the final court decision.

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#### **RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES**

1241 33. Should any dispute arise concerning any provisions of this Contract, or the parties'
1242 rights and obligations thereunder, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the

1243	dispute. Prior to the Contractor commencing any legal action, or the Contracting Officer referring
1244	any matter to the Department of Justice, the party shall provide to the other party 30 days' written
1245	notice of the intent to take such action; Provided, That such notice shall not be required where a delay
1246	in commencing an action would prejudice the interests of the party that intends to file suit. During
1247	the 30-day notice period, the Contractor and the Contracting Officer shall meet and confer in an
1248	attempt to resolve the dispute. Except as specifically provided, nothing herein is intended to waive or
1249	abridge any right or remedy that the Contractor or the United States may have.
1250	OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT
1251 1252 1253	34. No Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner, or official of the Contractor shall benefit from this Contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same manner as other water users or landowners.
1254	CHANGES IN CONTRACTOR'S SERVICE AREA
1255 1256 1257	35. (a) While this Contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Contractor's Service Area, by inclusion or exclusion of lands, dissolution, consolidation, merger, or otherwise, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.
1258	(b) Within 30 days of receipt of a request for such a change, the Contracting
1259	Officer will notify the Contractor of any additional information required by the Contracting Officer
1260	for processing said request, and both parties will meet to establish a mutually agreeable schedule for
1261	timely completion of the process. Such process will analyze whether the proposed change is likely to:
1262	(i) result in the use of Project Water contrary to the terms of this Contract; (ii) impair the ability of the
1263	Contractor to pay for Project Water furnished under this Contract or to pay for any Federally-
1264	constructed facilities for which the Contractor is responsible; and (iii) have an impact on any Project
1265	Water rights applications, permits, or licenses. In addition, the Contracting Officer shall comply with

1266 the NEPA and the ESA. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred by the Contracting

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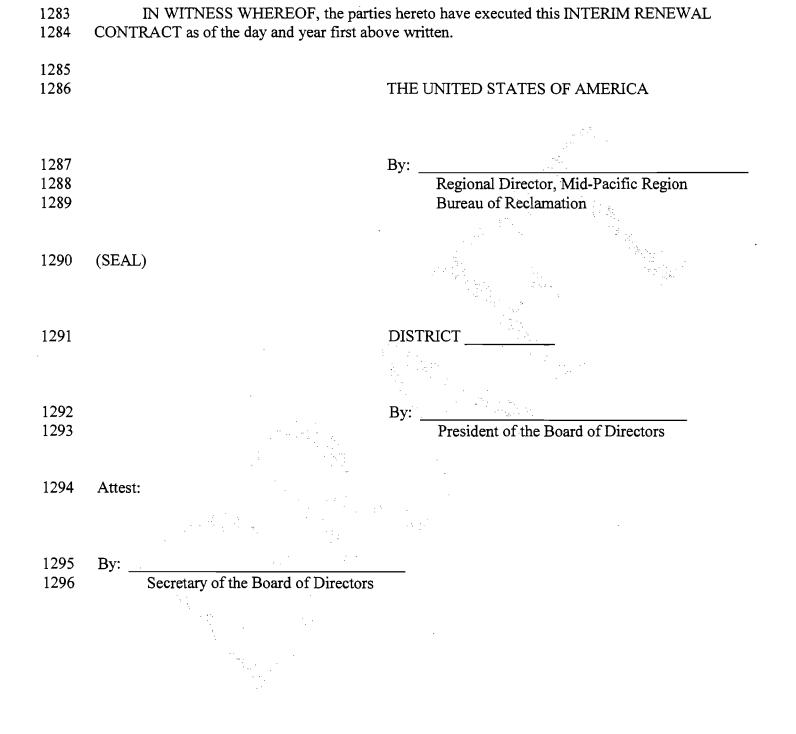
36. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor does not waive its rights to contest the
validity or application in connection with the performance of the terms and conditions of this
Contract of any Federal law or regulation; <u>Provided</u>, That the Contractor agrees to comply with the
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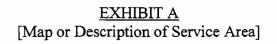
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## NOTICES

37. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this Contract shall be
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to the Area Manager, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, California 93721,
and on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Board of
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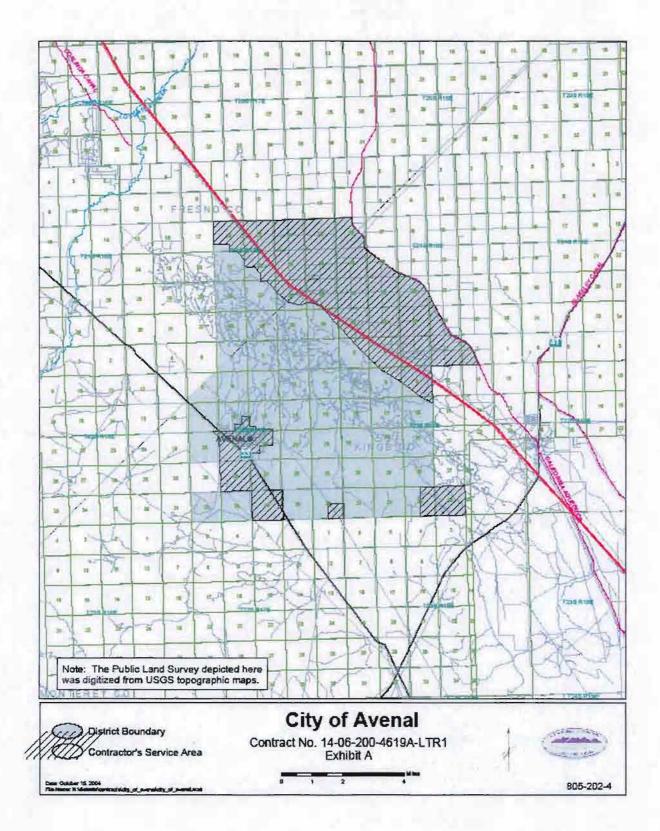
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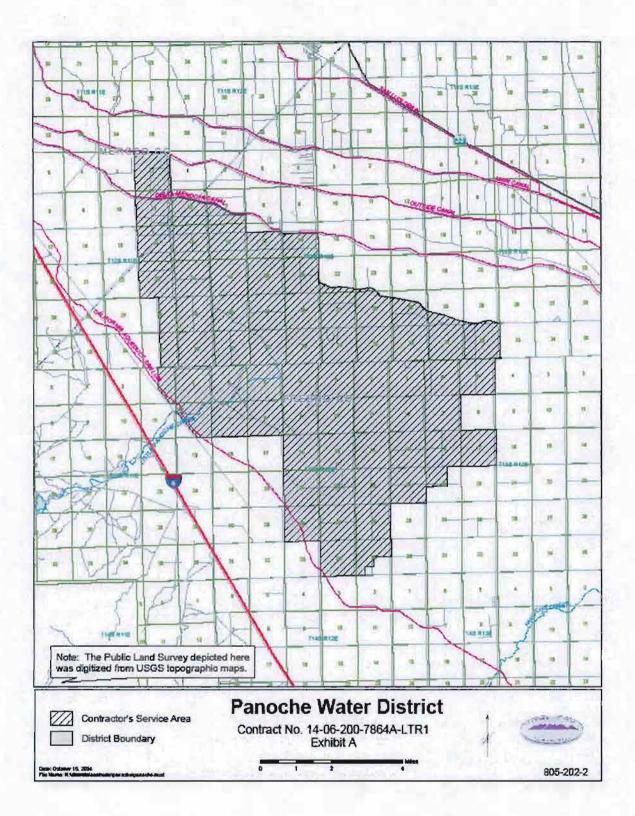
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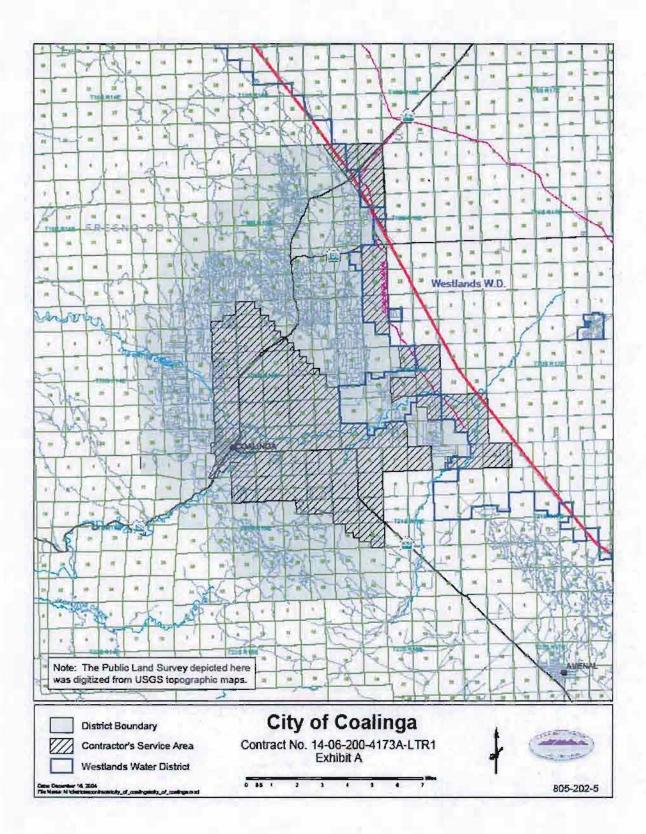
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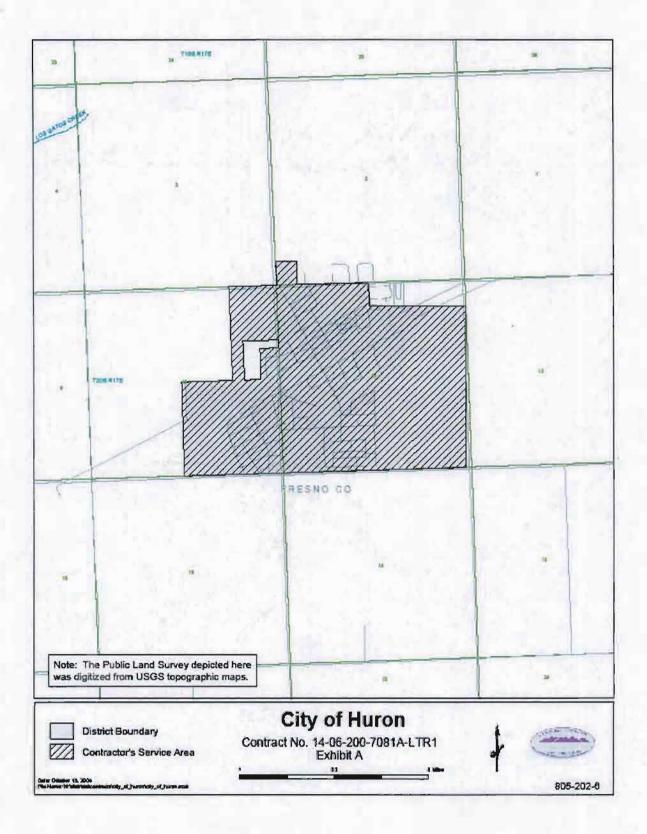
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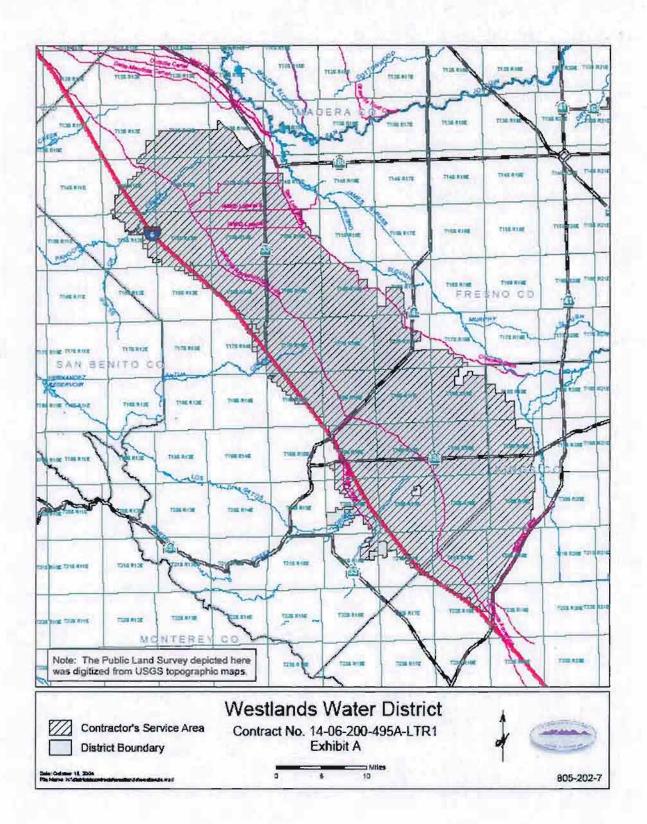
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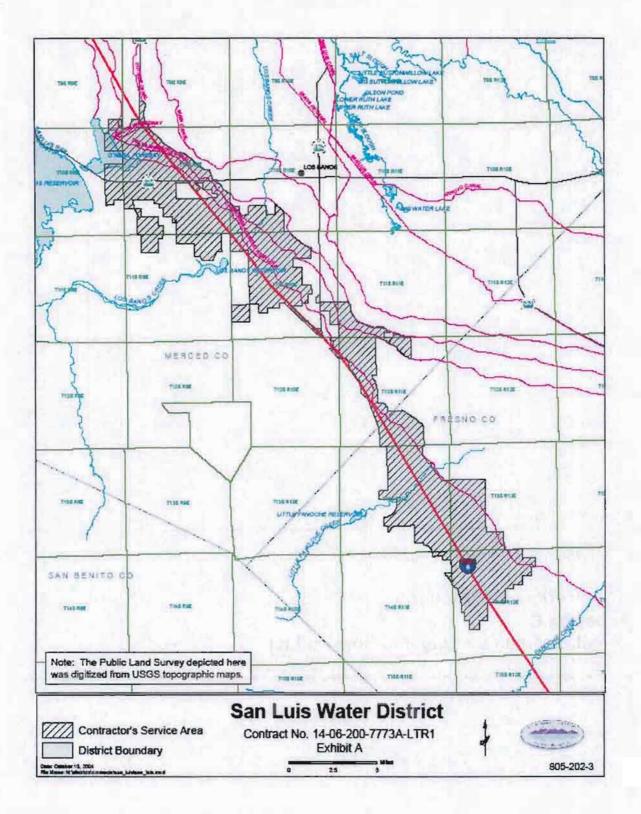












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# Appendix C Threatened and Endangered Species List

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## Federal Endangered and Threatened Species that Occur in or may be Affected by Projects in the Counties and/or U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 Minute Quads you requested

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### **Quad Lists**

### Listed Species

#### Invertebrates

- Branchinecta longiantenna
  - $\circ$  longhorn fairy shrimp (E)
- Branchinecta lynchi
  - vernal pool fairy shrimp (T)
- Desmocerus californicus dimorphus
  - valley elderberry longhorn beetle (T)
- Lepidurus packardi
  - vernal pool tadpole shrimp (E)

#### Fish

- Hypomesus transpacificus
  - o delta smelt (T)
- Oncorhynchus mykiss
  - Central Valley steelhead (T) (NMFS)

#### Amphibians

- Ambystoma californiense
  - California tiger salamander, central population (T)
  - Critical habitat, CA tiger salamander, central population (X)
- Rana aurora draytonii

• California red-legged frog (T)

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#### Reptiles

- Gambelia (=Crotaphytus) sila
  - blunt-nosed leopard lizard (E)
- Thamnophis gigas
  - o giant garter snake (T)

#### Birds

- Gymnogyps californianus
  - California condor (E)
- Haliaeetus leucocephalus
  - $\circ$  bald eagle (T)

#### Mammals

- Dipodomys ingens
  - giant kangaroo rat (E)
- Dipodomys nitratoides exilis
  - Critical habitat, Fresno kangaroo rat (X)
  - Fresno kangaroo rat (E)
- Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides
  - Tipton kangaroo rat (E)
- Vulpes macrotis mutica
  - San Joaquin kit fox (E)

#### Plants

- Caulanthus californicus
  - California jewelflower (E)
- Cordylanthus palmatus

- palmate-bracted bird's-beak (E)
- Monolopia congdonii (=Lembertia congdonii)
  - San Joaquin woolly-threads (E)

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Quads Containing Listed, Proposed or Candidate Species: KETTLEMAN PLAIN (291A) GARZA PEAK (291B) STRATFORD (313A) WESTHAVEN (313B) KETTLEMAN CITY (313C) HURON (314A) GUIJARRAL HILLS (314B) AVENAL (314C) LA CIMA (314D) COALINGA (315A) ALCALDE HILLS (315B) CURRY MOUNTAIN (315C) KREYENHAGEN HILLS (315D) BURREL (336B) VANGUARD (336C) FIVE POINTS (337A) WESTSIDE (337B) HARRIS RANCH (337C) CALFLAX (337D)

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LEVIS (360C)

CANTUA CREEK (360D)

CHANEY RANCH (361A)

CHOUNET RANCH (361B)

TUMEY HILLS (361C)

MONOCLINE RIDGE (361D)

FIREBAUGH (381C)

DOS PALOS (382B)

HAMMONDS RANCH (382C)

BROADVIEW FARMS (382D)

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