February 22, 2018

Mr. Armando Quintero, Chair
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RE: Clarification to letter to the California Water Commission dated February 20, 2018

Dear Mr. Quintero and Commission Members:

We would like to make a point of clarification in reference to the letter to the California Water Commission dated February 20, 2018 regrading Water Bond funding for surface water storage projects.

Although there is no specific earmark for any projects in AB 1471 (2014 Water Bond), language was included in Chapter 8 (Provision (a), Section 797.1, page 22) to clarify that the Legislature’s intent for the $2.7 billion allocation was for surface water storage projects with an emphasis on the Sites and Temperance Flat Reservoir projects based on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Record of Decision, dated August 28, 2000 (Section 2. Decision, 2.2 Plan for Action, 2.2.5 Storage, pages 42 through 45).

This language was specifically included due to the need for additional water storage and that these water storage projects are not considered as separate projects but a part of an overall water management strategy for the state in combination with other projects and programs for water conservation and habitat restoration.

We look forward to working with the California Water Commission to improve California’s water infrastructure system.

Sincerely,

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