STATE OF CALIFORNIA – CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

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# DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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#### 6/8/2021

Ms. Anthea Hansen, General Manager Oak Flat Water District Post Office Box 1596 Patterson, California 95363

This Letter Agreement, SWPAO #20015 (Agreement), is in response to Oak Flat Water District's (OFWD) request dated April 1, 2020 to the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR) for approval to deliver annually up to 70 acre-feet of OFWD's approved State Water Project (SWP) water supplies (OFWD's SWP Water) to a permanent turnout located at Milepost 42.90 of Reach 2A of the California Aqueduct (Western Hills Turnout). The Western Hills Turnout was constructed and is operated pursuant to a separate agreement executed June 8, 2000, "Agreement between the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, Kern County Water Agency, and Western Hills Water District for Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of the Western Hills Turnout A Permanent Turnout Within the California Aqueduct Right-of-Way. OFWD requested that Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) and Western Hills Water District (WHWD) permit OFWD to use the Western Hills Turnout for delivering OFWD's SWP Water. To that end, prior to or concurrent with the execution of this Agreement, OFWD plans to enter an agreement with KCWA and WHWD for the use of the Western Hills Turnout, titled Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Use of Turn Out From California Aqueduct ("Memorandum of Agreement"), and OFWD provided a draft of such Memorandum of Agreement to DWR on April 1, 2020.

WHWD, as the lead agency, has determined that the delivery of water to Western Hills Turnout under this Agreement is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse after execution of this agreement. DWR, as a responsible agency, has determined that this activity is exempt from CEQA and will file an NOE based on the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (existing facilities) upon execution of this Agreement.

DWR is willing to approve the delivery annually of up to 70 acre-feet of OFWD's SWP Water to the Western Hills Turnout for subsequent delivery to OFWD's service area under the following terms and conditions:

### TERM

1. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by all Parties and shall terminate upon the expiration of OFWD's Water Supply Contract with DWR, or upon final payments to DWR of all costs attributable to this Agreement, whichever occurs later, unless terminated earlier pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement. However, the liability, hold harmless, and indemnification obligation in this Agreement shall remain in effect until the expiration of the

> applicable statute of limitations, or until any claim or litigation concerning this Agreement asserted to DWR or OFWD within the applicable statute of limitations is finally resolved, whichever occurs later.

### UNIQUENESS OF AGREEMENT

2. DWR's approval under this agreement to convey annually up to 70 acre-feet of OFWD's SWP Water to the Western Hills Turnout for subsequent delivery to OFWD's service area is unique and shall not be considered a precedent for future agreements or DWR activities.

### **APPROVALS**

- 3. The delivery of water under this Agreement shall be contingent upon, and subject to, any necessary approvals and shall be governed by the terms and conditions of such approvals and any other applicable legal requirements. OFWD shall be responsible for complying with all applicable laws and legal requirements and for securing any required consent, approvals, permits, or orders. OFWD shall furnish to DWR copies of all approvals and agreements required for the delivery of water under this Agreement.
- 4. Prior to or concurrent with the execution of this Agreement by OFWD, OFWD shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for the use of the Western Hills Turnout with KCWA and WHWD, in substantially similar form to the draft Memorandum of Agreement provided to DWR on April 1, 2020. OFWD shall provide a copy of the executed Memorandum of Agreement to DWR within five business days after execution of this Agreement. Upon notice to OFWD, DWR shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately if OFWD does not enter into the Memorandum of Agreement in substantially similar form to the draft Memorandum of Agreement provided to DWR on April 1, 2020, or if such Memorandum of Agreement terminates or becomes invalid prior to the termination of this Agreement. OFWD shall inform DWR promptly about any such termination or invalidation of the Memorandum of Agreement.

### WATER DELIVERY FROM OFWD TO WESTERN HILLS TURNOUT

5. DWR shall deliver annually up to 70 acre-feet of OFWD's SWP Water to the Western Hills Turnout, which shall be in accordance with a schedule reviewed and approved by DWR. DWR's approval is dependent upon the times and amounts of the delivery and the overall delivery capability of the SWP. DWR shall not be obligated to deliver the water at times when such delivery would adversely impact SWP operations, facilities, or other SWP contractors.

6. The sum of deliveries scheduled to the Western Hills Turnout under this agreement, plus scheduled OFWD SWP water deliveries, plus deliveries to OFWD under any other agreements, shall not exceed the quantities on which the Proportionate Use-of-Facilities factors are based under OFWD's Water Supply Contract with DWR unless DWR determines that deliveries would not adversely impact SWP operations, facilities, or other SWP contractors.

# WATER DELIVERY SCHEDULES

- 7. All water delivery schedules and revisions shall be in accordance with Article 12 of OFWD's Water Supply Contract with DWR.
- OFWD shall submit monthly water delivery schedules for approval to DWR's Operations and Maintenance Water Deliveries Section, indicating timing and point of delivery requested under this Agreement with reference to SWPAO #20015. Schedules shall be sent by electronic mail to SWPDeliveries@water.ca.gov.
- 9. OFWD shall submit weekly water delivery schedules by electronic mail by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday for the following week, Monday through Sunday, to the following:
  - State Water Project Operations Control Office
     Water Management Branch
     Water\_deliv\_sched@water.ca.gov
     Attention: Chief, Water Management Branch
  - State Water Project Operations Control Office
     Power Management and Optimization Branch
     POCOptimization@water.ca.gov
     Attention: Chief, Power Management and Optimization Branch
  - iii. State Water Project Operations Control Office Pre-Scheduling Section Presched@water.ca.gov Attention: Chief, Pre-Scheduling Section

- iv. State Water Project Operations Control Office Regulatory Compliance and Reporting Branch <u>OCO\_car\_reprt@water.ca.gov</u> Phone: (916) 574-2677 Attention: Chief, Reports Section
- v. Delta Field Division
   Water Operations Section
   FAX (209) 833-2049
   Attention: Chief, Water Operations Section

## WATER DELIVERY RECORDS

- 10. OFWD's meter is outside DWR's right-of-way and will not be owned, operated or maintained by DWR.
- 11. OFWD will coordinate with WHWD on water delivery schedules and actual delivery amount before submitting the water delivery schedules for DWR's approval.
- 12. DWR will maintain monthly records documenting the delivery of OFWD's SWP Water to the Western Hills Turnout under this agreement.

### CHARGES

- 13. OFWD shall pay to DWR the charges associated with the delivery of water under this Agreement from the Delta to the point of delivery at the Western Hills Turnout at Milepost 42.90 of Reach 2A of the California Aqueduct which include but are not limited to:
  - a. The Variable Operation, Maintenance, Power, and Replacement Components of the Transportation Charge;
  - b. All other applicable payments under OFWD's Water Supply Contract, including the Off-Aqueduct Facilities Charges, and;
  - c. Any identified demonstrable increase in non-power costs that would otherwise be borne by the SWP contractors not signatory to this Agreement or by DWR as a result of activities under this Agreement.
- 14. Payment terms shall be in accordance with OFWD's Water Supply Contract with DWR.

15. All payments under this Agreement not covered under OFWD's Water Supply Contract with DWR shall be due 30 days after the date of DWR's billing. DWR shall charge interest if payments are delinquent by more than 30 days. OFWD shall pay to DWR accrued interest on these overdue payments at the rate of one percent per month from the due date to the date of payment.

### **NO IMPACT**

16. This Agreement shall not be administered or interpreted in any way that would cause adverse impacts to SWP approved Table A water or to any other SWP approved water allocations, water deliveries, or SWP operations or facilities. OFWD shall be responsible as determined by DWR, for any adverse impacts that may result from the exchange or delivery of water under this Agreement.

### LIABILITY

- 17. DWR is not responsible for the use, effects, or disposal of water under this Agreement once DWR delivers the water to the designated turnout(s). Responsibility shall be governed by Article 13 of OFWD's Water Supply Contract with responsibilities under the terms of that article shifting from DWR to OFWD when the water is delivered to the designated turnout(s).
- 18. OFWD agrees to defend and hold DWR, its officers, employees, and agents harmless from any direct or indirect loss, liability, lawsuits, cause of action, judgment or claim, and shall indemnify DWR, its officers, employees, and agents from all lawsuits, costs, damages, judgments, attorneys' fees, and liabilities that DWR, its officers, employees, and agents, incur as a result of DWR providing services under this Agreement, except to the extent resulting from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of DWR, its officers, employees, and agents.
- 19. If uncontrollable forces preclude DWR from delivering water under this Agreement, either partially or completely, then DWR is relieved from the obligation to deliver the water to the extent that DWR is reasonably unable to complete the obligation due to the uncontrollable forces. Uncontrollable forces shall include, but are not limited to, earthquakes, fires, tornadoes, floods, and other natural or human caused disasters. OFWD shall not be entitled to recover any administrative costs or other costs associated with delivery of water under this Agreement if uncontrollable forces preclude DWR from delivering the water.

## EXECUTION

- 20. The Parties agree that this Agreement will be executed using DocuSign by electronic signature, which shall be considered an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. The agreement shall take effect as soon as all Parties have signed.
- 21. If OFWD requires a Board of Directors' approval of this Agreement, it shall send an electronic file of the board approval to DWR prior to execution of this Agreement.
- 22. All Parties will receive an executed copy of this Agreement via DocuSign after all Parties have signed.

If the terms and conditions in this Agreement are acceptable, please sign and date using DocuSign. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Patrick Luzuriaga at (916) 653-9593 and refer to SWPAO #20015.

Sincerely,

John Leahigh

John Leahigh, Water Operations Executive Manager Operations and Maintenance

ACCEPTED:

OAK FLAT WATER DISTRICT

<u>Anthea Hansen</u> Name

General Manager Title

6/8/2021

Date

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