



June 12, 2025

Ms. Lauren Bauer – Water Resources Manager
Kern County Water Agency
3200 Rio Miranda Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Subject: Request for Meeting and Temporary Extension of Water Supply Deadline

Dear Ms. Bauer,

In response to your letter dated May 28, 2025, I would like to provide an update on the status of matters concerning our District.

As you are aware, the District is currently in the process of implementing a significant rate adjustment. The outcome of this proposed rate increase will be determined following our scheduled hearing and Public Board meeting on the afternoon of June 28, 2025.

In anticipation of this outcome, we respectfully request a meeting with your agency on either June 30 or July 1 to discuss available options and establish mutually agreeable payment terms to address both outstanding obligations and future commitments. Additionally, we are formally requesting the opportunity to initiate negotiations for a revised contract that better reflects the current circumstances and the interests of both parties.

We fully understand the complexity and time required for such discussions and kindly ask your agency to consider, in advance of the District's consideration of the proposed rate increase, extending the current June 30 deadline for any potential suspension of water deliveries by an additional 60 to 90 days. This extension would allow us the necessary time to work collaboratively toward a sustainable and constructive resolution.

We sincerely appreciate your time, your continued engagement, and the responsibilities your agency upholds. It is our hope that this request will be received in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect, as we remain committed to maintaining a productive working relationship.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Kovich", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mark Kovich
President, WHWD Board of Directors

cc: Colin Pearce – Special Legal Counsel for WHWD
Anthea Hansen – Special Consultant for WHWD