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Ref: Comments on the CALFED Draft EIS/EIR

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Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

The subject draft EIS/EIR is too voluminous for the City of Fullerton (City) staff to adequately review the impacts of the CALFED process. The City must rely on larger agencies such as the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Orange County Water District to provide a thorough technical review of this document. Therefore, the City has no comment either for or against the EIR/EIS for CALFED.

The City, however, is in strong support of the CALFED process and a consensus based CALFED solution. In particular the City, as part of the Southern California community, believes the CALFED solution must be a comprehensive package that includes:

- Water Quality

Protection of the public health through drinking water quality must be a major objective of the CALFED solution. Higher source quality water must be provided for drinking water consumption, groundwater recharge and recycled water development and to balance with the hundreds of millions of dollars water purveyors are investing in advanced treatment technologies.

- Water Supply Reliability

The solution must enhance State Water project (SWP) supplies by improving – with certainty – the ability to transport water from source areas to the SWP while protecting environmental and other beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta. This can be achieved only by providing a Delta fix that contains a levee restoration program, conveyance enhancement program and the addition of new storage. It must also implement a single, manageable, system of regulatory certainty as part of the CALFED preferred solution.

- Cost Allocation and Assurances

The CALFED solution must include a cost-effective solution with equitable allocation of costs commensurate with benefits received from improvements in the Bay-Delta if Southern California is going to be asked to pay its share of any CALFED solution. While this should be expected, Southern California should not be made to pay for improved benefits received



by the agricultural community or for restoration of the environment. The agricultural community should pay for their benefits and the general public should pay for the benefit of a restored environment.

Because assurances and financing, including cost allocation principles, are key elements of any proposed solution, no CALFED package can be deemed complete and selected for implementation until an assurances package and finance package have been developed that are acceptable to stakeholders and the CALFED agencies.

The City of Fullerton supports the CALFED process and we look forward to working with CALFED and other stakeholders to gain a Bay-Delta fix that will work for the long-term.

Sincerely,



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