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And Parties, Interested Parties, and Interested Persons (See Mailing List)

**RE: Notice of Complete Joint Test Claim, Schedule for Comments,
and Notice of Tentative Hearing Date**

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Order No. R9-2015-0100, Provisions A.4, B.2, B.3.a, B.3.b, B.4, B.5, B.6, D.1.c(6),
D.2.a(2), D.3, D.4, E.3.c(2), E.3.c(3), E.3.d, E.5.a, E.5.c(1)a, E.5.c(2)a, E.5.c(3),
E.5.e, E.6, F.1.a, F.1.b, F.2.a, F.2.b, F.2.c, F.3.b(3), and F.3.c, 16-TC-05
County of Riverside, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation
District, and the cities of Murrieta, Temecula, and Wildomar, Claimants*

Dear Mr. Burhenn, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Howard, and Ms. Sobeck:

On June 30, 2017, the County of Riverside, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the cities of Murrieta, Temecula, and Wildomar filed the above-captioned Test Claim. Upon review, Commission staff found the Test Claim to be incomplete and notified the claimants on November 9, 2017. On November 21, 2017, the claimants filed a request for extension of time to respond to the Notice of Incomplete Joint Test Claim, which was granted. On January 10, 2018, the claimants filed documents to cure the Test Claim. Upon review, Commission staff finds that this Test Claim is complete and that it retains the original filing date of June 30, 2017, in accordance with section 1183.1(e) of the Commission's regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 2).

The Commission is now requesting parties, interested parties, and interested persons to comment on the Test Claim as specified below.

Review of Test Claim

Parties, interested parties, and interested persons receiving this letter are requested to analyze the merits of the Test Claim and to file written comments on or before **March 15, 2018** in accordance with sections 1183.2 and 1181.3 of the Commission's regulations. Oral or written representations of fact offered by any person shall be under oath or affirmation and signed under penalty of perjury by persons who are authorized and competent to do so and must be based on the declarant's personal knowledge, information, or belief. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1183.2 and 1187.5.) If new representations of fact are made, they must be supported with documentary evidence filed with the comments on the Test Claim. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1183.2 and 1187.5.) The Commission's ultimate findings of fact must be supported by substantial evidence

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in the record.¹ Requests for extensions of time to file comments may be filed in accordance with section 1187.9 of the Commission's regulations.

On August 29, 2016, the California Supreme Court filed its modified opinion in *Department of Finance v. Commission on State Mandates* (County of Los Angeles) (2016) 1 Cal.5th 749. Please include in your comments on the Test Claim, briefing regarding how that decision should apply with regard to activities that the boards assert are required to meet the maximum extent practicable (MEP) requirement of the federal Clean Water Act. Please include a discussion of how the decision applies with regard to the specific activities alleged to impose a state mandate in this case.

Claimant's Rebuttal

Written rebuttals to written comments concerning this Test Claim may be filed and served in accordance with section 1181.3 of the Commission's regulations within 30 days of service of the written comments. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 § 1183.3.) Oral or written representations of fact offered by any person shall be under oath or affirmation and signed under penalty of perjury by persons who are authorized and competent to do so and must be based on the declarant's personal knowledge, information or belief. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1183.3 and 1187.5.) If new representations of fact are made, they must be supported with documentary evidence filed with the rebuttal. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1183.3 and 1187.5.) The Commission's ultimate findings of fact must be supported by substantial evidence in the record.²

No Request for Administrative Record for this Matter

Because there is already an outstanding request for the administrative record(s) for R9-2015-0100/NPDES no. CAS0109266 in the matter of 15-TC-02, there is no need for the State or Regional Water Boards to prepare an additional administrative record for this matter. The Commission and the parties may refer and cite to the same administrative record(s) for both 15-TC-02 and 16-TC-05 (which will be posted on the matter page for each of these matters when it is filed with the Commission). This record is currently due on **February 14, 2018**.

Process for Filing Comments

The Commission has prepared a mailing list of parties, interested parties, and interested persons for this Test Claim. The mailing list will be uploaded to the Commission's website and an e-mail notification of its availability will be sent to everyone on the list who has provided an e-mail address. A hard copy will be provided to persons who have not provided an e-mail address and to any person who requests a hard copy. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 § 1181.4.)

¹ Government Code section 17559(b), which provides that a claimant or the state may commence a proceeding in accordance with the provisions of section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure to set aside a decision of the Commission on the ground that the Commission's decision is not supported by substantial evidence in the record.

² Government Code section 17559(b), which provides that a claimant or the state may commence a proceeding in accordance with the provisions of section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure to set aside a decision of the Commission on the ground that the Commission's decision is not supported by substantial evidence in the record.

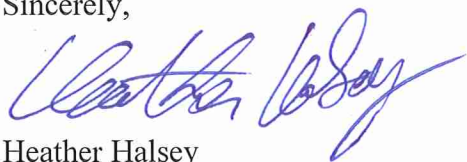
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You are advised that if written materials are filed in hard copy, the filing must simultaneously be served on everyone on the mailing list, and be accompanied by a proof of service. However, this requirement may also be satisfied by electronically filing your documents on the Commission's website. For instructions on electronic filing, please see the Commission's website at http://www.csm.ca.gov/dropbox_procedures.php. The comments will be posted on the Commission's website and the mailing list will be notified by electronic mail of the posting and the comment period. This procedure will satisfy all the service requirements under California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1181.3.

Tentative Hearing Date

This Test Claim is tentatively set for hearing on **September 27, 2019**.

Sincerely,



Heather Halsey
Executive Director

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On February 13, 2018, I served the:

- **Notice of Complete Joint Test Claim, Schedule for Comments, and Notice of Tentative Hearing Date issued February 13, 2018**
- **Test Claim filed by County of Riverside, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the cities of Murrieta, Temecula, and Wildomar on June 30, 2017**

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by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on February 13, 2018 at Sacramento, California.



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City of Wildomar
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TO ALL PARTIES, INTERESTED PARTIES, AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

Each commission mailing list is continuously updated as requests are received to include or remove any party or person on the mailing list. A current mailing list is provided with commission correspondence, and a copy of the current mailing list is available upon request at any time. Except as provided otherwise by commission rule, when a party or interested party files any written material with the commission concerning a claim, it shall simultaneously serve a copy of the written material on the parties and interested parties to the claim identified on the mailing list provided by the commission. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1181.3.)

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