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Ms. Heather Halsey, Executive Director
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Subject: Joint Test Claim of
Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District, 21-TC-02
Request For Informal Conference

Dear Ms. Halsey:

I write to request an informal conference, under Section 1187.4(a) of the Commission's regulations, to identify and resolve or clarify issues of fact or law related to the proposed dismissal of this joint test claim.

All interested parties would stand to benefit from an informal conference in this matter. The procedure being used for the proposed dismissal of the test claim, Section 1183.1(g), is new and has not apparently been used before. Also, the basis for the suggested dismissal—that the irrigation-district claimants are not “local governments subject to the tax and spend limitations of the California Constitution”—is apparently novel (*see Paradise Irrigation District v. Commission on State Mandates* (2019) 33 Cal.App.5th 194 (resolving irrigation districts' test claim on the merits)), and carries potentially unforeseen implications.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your service.

Sincerely,

BRISCOE IVESTER & BAZEL LLP

/s/ Peter Prows

Peter Prows
Claimants' Representative

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 March 2, 2022, I served the:

- **Notice of Denial of Request for Informal Conference issued March 2, 2022**
- **Claimant's Request for Informal Conference filed February 28, 2022**

Floodplain Restoration Condition (no. 12) of Water Quality Certification for Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District – Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project and La Grange Hydroelectric Project, 21-TC-02

Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District, Claimants

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 March 2, 2022 at Sacramento, California.



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Claimants: Modesto Irrigation District
Turlock Irrigation District

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