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Subject: Bulletin 160 California Water Plan Update

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Please accept this letter as an initial response to your notice of the Public Scoping sessions on the California Water Plan Update.

It is very important that Bulletin 160-03 reflect the most current conditions available prior to final printing, particularly when describing watershed basins within which significant management and operational changes are taking place. One such basin is the American River watershed.

Over the past six years, a consensus based regional water agreement for the American River watershed has been developed. (A copy is enclosed). The Sacramento Metropolitan Water Authority, representing seventeen (17) water agencies and districts has been directly involved in this process. One result of the agreement has been the creation of the Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority.

The Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority (SNAGMA) is a joint powers authority (JPA) formed to protect the groundwater basin underlying northern Sacramento County. The governing board of SNAGMA has 17 members representing 15 water purveyors (agencies, districts, and cities) as well as agricultural and self-supplied interests. Cumulatively, these agencies serve over 500,000 people in the Sacramento Metropolitan Area and have 215 groundwater wells used for approximately 60 % of the total municipal and industrial needs of the region.

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The Sacramento Metropolitan Water Authority (SMWA) is a joint powers authority (JPA) of seventeen water purveyors within the American River Basin. SMWA member agencies serve approximately 500,000 customers in the Sacramento region. SMWA's purpose is to assist member agencies in providing their customers with a high quality, reliable water supply, and protect basin water resources.

SMWA and SNAGMA would like to participate in the development of the Bulletin 160 California Water Plan update. Specifically, we request an appointment to the Advisory Committee that we understand you are forming. We are willing to appoint a single individual representing both SMWA and SNAGMA who would serve as a member of the Advisory Committee. We feel we have historical, administrative, and technical information to offer that will result in an accurate description of the most current conditions within the American River watershed.

Please call Administrator Sandra Thomas at 916-967-7692 for any further communications that are necessary or to inform us of your decision in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Chuck Rose – SNAGMA

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