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SUBJECT: Approval and Findings for 2023 Water Transfer Agreement between United Water Conservation District and Palmdale Water District [State Water Contract, Article 57(g) Compliance]

Dear Mr. Luzuriaga:

On or about December 2, 1963, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District ("District") entered into an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") for the supply of 20,000 acre-feet per year ("AFY") of State Water Project ("SWP") water (collectively, the "State Water Contract"). On or about June 23, 1970, the District and Casitas Municipal Water District ("Casitas") entered into an agreement, whereby the District assigned to Casitas all of its rights under the State Water Contract. Thereafter, in 1971, Casitas entered into agreements with the City of Ventura and United Water Conservation District ("United"), transferring them entitlements to certain allocations under the State Water Contract.

On or about September 25, 2023, United and the Palmdale Water District ("Palmdale WD") entered into an agreement entitled, "Water Transfer Agreement Between Palmdale Water District and United Water Conservation District," providing the terms and conditions for the transfer of 2,000 AF of Palmdale WD's SWP Table A water to United in 2023 (collectively, the "Transfer"). Palmdale WD on or about October 9, 2023 signed a letter stating the transfer request complies with Article 57(g) of its Water Supply Contract. Per Article 57(g) of the State Water Contract, as amended by DWR's 2021 Water Management Amendments, the District hereby confirms its approval of the Transfer and finds as follows:

- (1) The District has complied with all applicable laws.



- (2) The District has provided any required notices to public agencies and the public.
- (3) The District has provided the relevant terms to all contractors and to the Water Transfers Committee of the State Water Contractors Association.
- (4) The District is informed and believes that the transfer or exchange will not harm other contractors.
- (5) The District is informed and believes that the transfer or exchange will not adversely impact State Water Project operations.
- (6) The District is informed and believes that the transfer or exchange will not affect its ability to make all payments, including payments when due under its Contract for its share of the financing costs of the State's Central Valley Project Revenue Bonds.
- (7) The District has considered the potential impacts of the transfer or exchange within its service area.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any of the matters referred to herein, please contact Glenn Shephard at (805) 654-2040 or glenn.shephard@ventura.org.

Sincerely,



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