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State of California **California Natural Resources Agency**

Memorandum

Date: 8/21/2024

To: State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
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From: **Department of Water Resources**

Subject: Withdrawal of Petitions for Water Rights Extension of Time

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) hereby withdraws its two petitions for a water rights extension of time that were both filed on December 31, 2009, for its water rights applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512 that correspond to permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482, and water rights applications 5629 and 14444 that correspond to permits 16477 and 16480 (2009 Petitions).

Since the filing of these petitions, the underlying circumstances of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Delta), including the status of the efforts to permit State Water Project (SWP) conveyance through the Delta, have changed. The enactment of the Delta Reform Act, the State Water Resources Control Board's ongoing efforts to update the 2009 Delta Water Quality Control Plan, and further understanding of the Delta ecology necessitates a withdrawal of the 2009 Petitions as those petitions do not account for current regulatory and environmental circumstances.

As stated in DWR's timely filed 2009 Petitions, and restated here, DWR continues to operate the SWP in a manner that assesses the annual hydrologic conditions, considers the developed needs for water supply in the SWP service area, and maintains operational flexibility for meeting its statutory, regulatory, and contractual obligations. Water rights extension of time remains important for the SWP to adapt to future climate conditions and is a critical step towards strengthening the State's drought resilience efforts. Thus, DWR will submit a new petition for water rights extension of time in relation to the above-mentioned water rights permits in the near future.

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