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NAME:	Christopher Dennis	DATE:	07/06/2016
		TIME:	9:45 am
WITH:	Kirk Allen, 626-300-3389 Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Waterworks Division		
SUBJECT:	PEP Potable Water Supply Assessment		

COMMENTS:

Kirk called me in response to our September 30, 2015 letter requesting a Water Supply Assessment (WSA) for the Palmdale Energy Project (PEP) potable water supply. He explained that because the potable water supply requirement of the Palmdale Energy Project (PEP) was not included in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District 40 (District 40) 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and would not be included in the District 40 2015 UWMP, a Water Supply Assessment would normally be needed. However, because the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin (AVGB) was recently adjudicated and PEP was not part of the adjudication, District 40 already knows it has no extra potable water supply for PEP and, therefore, a WSA is not needed. In addition, in an earlier conversation, Kirk had explained that the 9-year-old Will-Serve letter demonstrating they had adequate water supply for the project was no longer valid because of the time that had passed since it was originally issued and because the groundwater basin is now adjudicated.

District 40 has developed additional water supplies by entering into a MOU with Antelope Valley East Kern (AVEK) water agency (wholesaler and State Water Project [SWP] contractor). As part of the new water supply MOU, AVEK can acquire SWP Table A water, when available, from persons that currently hold an entitlement. The SWP Table A water is allocated statewide to SWP contactors, including AVEK. The MOU requires a one-time payment of \$10,000 per acre-foot of new water supplied by AVEK. PEP would be required to pay \$36,000 for an annual 3.6 acre-feet of water supply plus any applicable connection fees and other water use related fees.

In the interim, District 40 has ear-marked approximately 8,000 acre-feet of water to ensure a temporary supply to its new customers, such as PEP, during the new water supply acquisition period by AVEK. District 40 did not state whether this is banked groundwater or water to which District 40 has a permanent right. District 40 will borrow from this committed water supply to provide PEP with a temporary water supply until AVEK is able to procure a permanent supply of surplus Table A water that can be dedicated to the PEP. It is unclear about what would happen in the event AVEK could not procure a permanent water supply for PEP. It is also unclear about the conditions, if any, under which this borrowed water would have to be returned or if additional water would have to be purchased to account for the borrowed water. District 40 has assured PEP that there will not be any service interruption from temporary to permanent water supply.

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