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STATEMENT FROM FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY ON THE VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS

Friant Water Authority is appreciative of the efforts by the federal and state governments, along with several public water agencies, to develop a term sheet outlining the components of the voluntary agreements for meeting the objectives of the Water Quality Control Plan update for the Bay Delta watershed. FWA is aware that the term sheet currently includes commitments of water and funding from the Friant Division that were part of the agreement in 2018 that FWA was in agreement with at that time. Due to several outstanding issues that remain unresolved, FWA is unable to execute the proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU) at this time.

FWA has been in ongoing communications with the state and federal governments in an attempt to find a path forward that would allow us to be a party to the voluntary agreement for commitments from Friant to remain in the agreement. We are appreciative of this dialogue and will continue to engage with government agencies in a good faith effort to resolve our outstanding issues. We remain hopeful that there is a course of action that will bring resolution to our remaining issues and that we will be able to sign the MOU supporting the proposed voluntary agreement term sheet in the very near future.

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