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February 2, 2019

Marcelino Alcantar  
Division of Safety of Dams  
P.O. Box 942836  
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**Transmitted via email and USPS**

Regarding: Proposed Annual Dam Fee Increase

Dear Marcelino Alcantar,

At its January 25, 2019 meeting, the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) Board of Directors endorsed the opposition by Jackson Valley Irrigation District (JVID) and others over concerns of the proposed annual dam fee increase.

MCWRA advocates for the water interests of its 65 members in 12 of the mountain counties within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) of woodland and forested lands in the Sierra Nevada. These foothill and mountain areas contain the headwaters for 40% of the state’s developed water supply, which also provides for hydropower production, irrigation, recreation, tourism, and instream flows that fuel the engine of our State’s economy.

The Board supports the suggested modifications by JVID relevant to their situation regarding the proposed fee increase. The Board is aware of other jurisdictions having similar concerns to the proposed fee increase by the Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD).

The MCWRA Board of Directors recommends and encourages the DSOD to suspend implementation of the proposed fee increase for one year to allow the Department, along with reservoir owners, additional time to meet to develop alternatives before the implementation of any fee increase occurs.

For your information, attached is a copy of JVID's January 7, 2019 letter. Thank you for your consideration and for accepting additional comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JKingsbury".

John Kingsbury, Executive Director  
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association

Attachment: Letter from Jackson Valley Irrigation District, dated January 7, 2019

c: Senator Andreas Borgeas  
Senator Jim Nielsen  
Assembly Member Frank Bigelow  
Assembly Member Brian Dahle  
Assembly Member James Gallagher  
Assembly Member Kevin Kiley  
Board of Directors, Mountain Counties Water Resources Association