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Mr. Mike Markus, P.E.
General Manager
Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Subject: Basin Production Percentage and Basin Equity Assessment – April 18, 2018 Hearing

Mike:

Irvine Ranch Water District (“IRWD”) hereby submits the following letter to renew and reiterate its objections to Orange County Water District’s (“OCWD”) Basin Equity Assessment (“BEA”). IRWD objects for all of the reasons stated in the letters previously submitted to OCWD. Such letters are contained on the enclosed USB flash drive and are as follows:

- (1) IRWD General Manager Paul Cook’s April 20, 2016 letter to OCWD General Manager Mike Markus;
- (2) IRWD Counsel Edward J. Casey’s April 11, 2017 letter to OCWD’s Board of Directors;
- (3) IRWD Counsel Edward J. Casey’s November 15, 2017 letter (and exhibits) to OCWD’s Board of Directors;
- (4) IRWD General Manager Paul Cook’s February 21, 2018 letter to OCWD General Manager Mike Markus; and
- (5) IRWD General Manager Paul Cook’s March 21, 2018 letter to OCWD General Manager Mike Markus.

IRWD reiterates its request that OCWD establish a BEA for the year 2018-19 in a manner that recognizes recycled water as a Supplemental Source within the meaning of Section 31.5 of the OCWD Act. Failure to do so, or even to provide a lower BEA rate for those producers (such as IRWD) that use a significant amount of recycled water instead of producing more groundwater, is inconsistent with the language, policy and intent of the OCWD Act.

Sincerely,

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

Paul A. Cook, P.E.
General Manager

cc: OCWD Board of Directors