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VIA EMAIL & U.S. MAIL

Director Gary Spackman
Idaho Department of Water Resources
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**Re: A&B Irrigation District Mitigation / SWC Delivery Call / CM-DC-2010-001
& CM-MP-2015-003 / November 30, 2022 Step 9 Order**

Dear Director Spackman:

I am writing on behalf of our client the A&B Irrigation District (“A&B” or “District”) in response to the *Final Order Establishing 2022 Reasonable Carryover* (November 30, 2022).

A&B has an approved mitigation plan regarding the above delivery call and order. As initially planned, A&B’s second pumping plant and pipeline was intended to deliver surface water to approximately 3,000 acres formerly irrigated with groundwater. Upon final design, the pipeline can now deliver surface water to nearly 3,573.6 acres. With the additional converted lands there are times when A&B must pump limited groundwater for delivery to ensure adequate pressure is maintained for operations during the peak of the irrigation season. For 2022, A&B pumped 1,471 acre-feet out one of its wells located at the District’s 3AB922 well system. Even if this water is accounted for the additional converted lands (approximately 574 acres), the District has still maintained surface water delivery for the remaining lands (approximately 3,000 acres) through the entire irrigation season.

I have conferred with manager Justin Temple and it is the District’s intent to continue to curtail the enlargement water rights (2,063 acres) for the 2023 irrigation season. As noted above, A&B has physically converted more acres than what is covered by its enlargement water rights through the development of the second pumping plant/pipeline project (total 3,573.6). The District intends to continue to deliver surface water to these lands formerly irrigated with groundwater.

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Based upon similar prior correspondence on this issue it is my understanding that this notice will satisfy the request stated in the November 30, 2022 order. Please advise if you have any questions. If this information does not satisfy your order, please advise and the District will provide any additional required information.

Sincerely,

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