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SCH# 2020039057, 2020 Sutter Extension Water District 2020 Water Transfer Program
Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND)

Dear Mr. Phillips:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed the Draft IS/MND for Sutter Extension Water District (Sutter Extension) 2020 Water Transfer Program. Sutter Extension estimated the maximum amount of 2020 transfer water made available from rice field idling by applying the rice evapotranspiration rate of applied water (ETAW) factor of 3.3 acre-feet per acre (AF/acre), which was published in DWR Bulletin 113-3 dated April 1975. The Draft IS/MND states that Sutter Extension is discussing with DWR further about the updated rice ETAW factor of 2.9 AF/acre in the Draft Technical Information for Preparing Water Transfer Proposals dated December 2019.

On April 24, 2020, DWR will meet with Sutter Extension and other rice growers to discuss questions and share information related to this updated rice ETAW factor of 2.9 AF/acre, which reflects the latest and best available science and farming practices.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-0190 or Anna.Fock@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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