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I. Introduction

We will not be submitting testimony on the items requested and discussed below. However, we believe they are important facts that the Commission should have in its record as it move forward with this proceeding.

II. Documents for Official Notice of Facts

- 1) MCWRA Agency Map of Zone 2C¹ as shown in Engineers Report To Support an Assessment for The Salinas Valley Water Project of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency².

According to the Engineers Report, Zone 2C was defined based on geological conditions and hydrologic factors, which defined and limited the benefits derived from the reservoirs and the proposed changes to the operations, storage, and release of water from the reservoirs. As the Map shows, Zone 2C is essentially the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (SVGB), extending

¹ Attachment #1

² Engineers Report To Support an Assessment for The Salinas Valley Water Project of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, RMC, January 2003

from the most southern Monterey County border up to the Monterey Bay. It also includes all of the former Ft. Ord area and up to the Elkhorn Slough in Moss Landing.

This is important for the Commission to have in its record, as this is the area that must be considered in any hydrological analysis and consideration of the potential impacts to the SVGB.

2) MCWRA Map of Zone 2C North County Coastal Area³.

This map is an enlargement of the Zone 2C map, which specifically shows the Moss Landing coastal area. Again, it details the extent of the SVGB and the area of potential impacts, in this case, as it relates to Cal-Am's proposed alternate feedwater intake site at Portero Rd. This alternate site is still within the SVGB and Zone 2C. The same level of hydrological analysis must be completed for this site as well.

This map is also important as it confirms that Cal-Am is not pursuing any slant well alternatives that are outside of the SVGB and Zone 2C.

3) Monterey County Water Resources Agency Ordinance No. 3709⁴.

This Ordinance was adopted by MCWRA on September 14, 1993. The ordinance prohibits the extraction of groundwater from groundwater extraction facilities that have perforations between zero feet mean sea level and -250 feet and are located within the territory between the City of Salinas and Castroville. It also prohibits the drilling of new wells with perforations between zero feet mean sea level and -250 feet in the portion of the pressure Area north of Harris Road to the Pacific Ocean.

This Ordinance remains in place today and is known as the ordinance that prohibits pumping in the 180 foot aquifer. This is an important piece of

³ Attachment #2

⁴ Attachment #3

information for the Commission’s record as it shows that no well in the northern part of the SVGB can legally pump water from the 180 foot aquifer, and demonstrates the public policy of protecting Salinas Valley’s 180 foot aquifer.

The ordinance includes a map delineating the boundary of the territories where the prohibition exists. It should be noted, that Cal-Am’s proposed slant well sites are located just adjacent to the southern and northern coastal boundary – just on the ‘other side’ of the line. Their proposed well sites may not technically be subject to this Ordinance, but they remain within the SVGB and Zone 2C, and have the potential to affect them.

4) MCWRA Agency Act⁵, Water Code Chapter 52, Section 21.

This legislation was established to give Monterey County and particularly the Salinas Valley tools and resources to address water resource issues; most particularly the chronic problem of salt water intrusion in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin that was and continues to be a decades-long issue of major local, regional and statewide concern. This legislation specifically prohibits the export of ANY groundwater from the Salinas Valley. This legislative act and expression of protection for the SVGB underscores the need for Commission action consistent with protection of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁵ Attachment #4

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