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Company (U210W) for Approval of the
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Authorization to Recover All Present and Future
Costs in Rates

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JOINT STATEMENT OF ISSUES

Pursuant to the *Administrative Law Judge’s Ruling Requesting Parties to Identify Issues for Further Evidentiary Hearings* (the “Ruling”), California-American Water Company (“California American Water”), City of Marina, Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, Citizens for Just Water, City of Pacific Grove, County of Monterey, LandWatch Monterey County, Latino Water-Use Coalition-Monterey Peninsula/ Latino Seaside Merchants Assoc./ Comunidad En Accion, Marina Coast Water District, Monterey County Farm Bureau, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, Office of Ratepayer Advocates, Planning and Conservation League, Public Trust Alliance, Public Water Now, Salinas Valley Water Coalition, Sierra Club, Surfrider Foundation, and Water Plus¹ submit this Joint Statement of Issues (“Joint Statement”).

On June 19, 2017 and June 27, 2017, California American Water hosted telephonic conferences during which the parties discussed the Ruling and preparation of this Joint Statement. The Ruling requested that the Statement of Issues include the following:

- (a) a statement of each specific disputed non-CEQA/NEPA issue of material fact or item to address in further evidentiary hearings (precisely worded as the party recommends it be stated in any further ruling setting the hearings);
- (b) explanation of why the issue is disputed or requires further evidence;
- (c) explanation of why the issue is material or requires further evidence;
- (d) brief

¹ Water Plus submitted issues 80 to 82 found in Exhibit A, but did not affirm it joined in this final version of the Joint Statement in time for California American Water to make a timely filing.

statement of what the party's proposed additional testimony on the issue will show; (e) a proposed schedule (e.g., for service of testimony, rebuttal testimony, hearing); and (f) anything else the party believes the Commission needs to make an informed decision.

Exhibit A to this Joint Statement includes the information requested in subparts (a) through (d), and (f) of the Ruling. Exhibit A also identifies the party that requested each particular "statement of each specific disputed non-CEQA/NEPA issue of material fact or item to address in further evidentiary hearings (precisely worded as the party recommends it be stated in any further ruling setting the hearings)," be included. By submitting this Joint Statement, no party is agreeing that any particular issue proposed by another party for consideration in Exhibit A is appropriate for or merits further evidentiary hearings. The parties reserve their right to identify their respective objections, or agreements, to the issues identified in Exhibit A in the comments to be filed on July 11, 2017.

As requested in subpart (e) of the Ruling, the parties also discussed a proposed schedule. The parties to this Joint Statement request a schedule that would balance the competing interests of ensuring the sufficiency of the Commission's record, providing adequate time (i.e., several months) for settlement discussions, as appropriate, while at the same time not unnecessarily delaying a final decision addressing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The parties are unable to propose at this time a specific procedural schedule, because the timing and length of any hearings will likely depend upon which issues will be the subject of additional evidentiary hearings. Thus, a ruling as to those issues that will be addressed in evidentiary hearings will assist in fashioning a schedule. In this regard, the parties also reserve their right to address schedule issues in the comments to be filed on July 11, 2017.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request (1) a prompt ruling identifying what issues will be addressed at further evidentiary hearings, and (2) following that ruling, a status conference at which time a procedural schedule can be addressed and, if possible, an update by the Commission on the current timing of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

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