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Pursuant to Rule 1.4(a)(4) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Surfrider Foundation hereby files a motion for party status in the above-referenced Application of California-American Water Company (“Cal-Am”) for approval of a desalination plant and related infrastructure, which is closely linked to a groundwater replenishment project, and aquifer storage and recovery program (collectively, “the Project”).

The Surfrider Foundation (“Surfrider”) is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world’s ocean, waves and beaches through a powerful activist network. As a grassroots organization with over 50,000 members, Surfrider’s efforts include promoting healthy coastal ocean ecosystems and improving coastal water quality—both of which are impacted by ocean intakes and discharges into the ocean. Surfrider’s Monterey Chapter are surfers, kayakers, boaters, fishermen, swimmers and beachgoers who regularly use the Project site and surrounding coastal areas.

Surfrider seeks to participate in this proceeding because the Project's impacts on coastal water quality, marine ecology, beach preservation, public safety, and natural aesthetics will likely affect Surfrider members. Surfrider previously participated in the Commission's proceedings for the North Marina desalination project (Application A.04-09-019), the predecessor to Cal-Am's current project. Should a seawater desalination facility be found necessary, Surfrider is interested in ensuring that Cal-Am's desalination project includes facilities and practices, including those related to brine disposal and seawater intake, that avoid or minimize impacts to invaluable natural resources along the Monterey coast. Moreover, Surfrider seeks to promote implementation of alternative water supplies, including conservation, and the groundwater replenishment and aquifer storage and recovery aspects of the Project, which may allow the reduction of the proposed desalination plant's capacity and offer significant environmental and economic benefits of value to the community.

In this proceeding, Surfrider may engage in discovery, submit testimony including expert testimony, participate in workshops and evidentiary hearings, and file briefs as well as comments on the proposed Project and on the associated environmental review document.

For the reasons described above, Surfrider respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Party Status.

If the Commission grants this Motion, Surfrider requests that the Commission (1) add the following contact information to the "Parties" service list and (2) remove this information from the "Information Only" service list:

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