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**Subject: Public Records Act Request for information concerning capital projects to be funded with DWR Revenue Bond Series AW**

Dear Mr. Cowin:

Restore the Delta is a grassroots campaign by residents and organizations committed to restoring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta so that fisheries and farming can thrive there together again. We work through public education and outreach so that all Californians recognize the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta as part of California's natural heritage, deserving of restoration. We fight for a Delta with waters that are fishable, swimmable, drinkable, and farmable, able to support the health of the estuary, San Francisco Bay, and the ocean beyond. Our coalition envisions the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as a place where a vibrant local economy, tourism, recreation, farming, wildlife, and fisheries thrive for future generations as a result of resident efforts to protect our waterway commons.

In the course of tracking State Water Project revenue bond issues, we have learned from DWR's preliminary official statement (POS) for revenue bond series AW, dated October 3, 2016, that the Department of Water Resources plans to issue \$470 million in revenue bonds. The POS states that Series AW will be issued to provide funds for (1) construction of certain Water System Projects; (2) refund all or a portion of DWR's outstanding Water Revenue Commercial Paper Notes, Series 1; (3) refund some of DWR's remaining Water System Revenue Bonds; (4) fund interest on a portion of the Series AW Bonds through December 1, 2018; (5) fund a deposit to DWR's debt service reserve account and (6) pay costs of issuance of the Series AW bonds.

We understand from the POS that future bonds may be used to defray the remaining costs for various existing water system capital projects. Four of these appear to account

for most of the remaining future capital expenditures: North Bay Aqueduct Alternate Intake (\$545 million), Delta Facilities Program (\$237 million), Thermalito Powerplant Cleanup and Reconstruction (\$160 million), and Facilities Reconstruction and Improvement Project (\$300 million)—in all about \$1.25 billion of the \$1.383 billion shows in Appendix H of the POS (p. H-2).

The POS states that up to \$154.2 million of Series AW will be used for “defeasance” of several earlier series of revenue bonds. (POS, pp. 2-3.) The POS provides a table of estimated application of Series AW bond proceeds that includes no cost estimates for the line items it contains, including: Costs of Water System Projects; Retirement of Notes; Deposit to Series AW Escrow Account; Capitalized Interest; and various transaction-related costs or credits.

While we understand that the estimated application of the bond proceeds will be provided in the final statement for Series AW, we request under the Public Records Act to receive information indicating which water system projects will receive allocations of Series AW bond proceeds.

Related to this Revenue Bond Series AW, and pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code Sections 6250 et seq., we request that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) prepare and make available for inspection and copy all documents, meeting minutes, agendas, visual presentations, contracts for services and contract-related accounting (including payments, invoices for payment, accounting spreadsheets), financing agreements, financing proposals for commercial paper and bond issues, requests for qualifications and proposals and received statements of qualifications and proposals concerning underwriting or other financial services, and other related public records available in your emails, files, and archives, that address the preparation and issuance of Central Valley Project Water System Revenue Bonds Series AW.

Thank you for your timely fulfillment of this request. If you have questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely



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