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Mr. Tom Van Groningen, President
MID Board of Directors
1231 11th Street
Modesto, CA 95354

RE: Comments on proposed MID-CCSF water sale

Dear Mr. Van Groningen,

Throughout the public process, the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau has expressed numerous concerns regarding the proposed water sales to the City and County of San Francisco that MID is currently exploring. We still have concerns regarding length of contract; first right-of-refusal; and future FERC, Bay-Delta and in-stream water demands.

We also have particular questions in respect to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Our organization has further explored those concerns, and in the following pages described them for you in greater detail.

We hope that you and the rest of the Board Members of MID take this opportunity to understand these points of contention and learn as much about the CEQA process as we have. It is a very deliberative process that provides the foundation for the protection of the most valuable resources of the State of California.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to working with you on the many issues that affect the agricultural community within Stanislaus County.

Sincerely,

Ron Peterson
President

CC: Nick Blom, Jr. – Member – MID Board of Directors
Larry Byrd – Member – MID Board of Directors
Paul Warda – Member – MID Board of Directors
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