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WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL (SB) 1070 (KEHOE, 2006): REPLACEMENT CO-CHAIR AND REPLACEMENT MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS

Dear Secretaries Rodriguez and Laird:

On November 26, 2007, the Secretaries for Environmental Protection and Natural Resources signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing the California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Council) as required by SB 1070 (Kehoe, 2006). Following the signing of the MOU, we were directed to develop a potential list of Council members, which were presented to the Agency Secretaries in April 2008. The list of members was approved in May and the Council had its first meeting in June. Pursuant to the legislation, the Monitoring Council developed and on December 1, 2008 submitted to the Agency Secretaries recommendations for maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of existing water quality data collection and dissemination, and for ensuring that collected data are maintained and available for use by decision makers and the public. Also pursuant to the legislation, the Monitoring Council developed and on December 28, 2010 submitted to the Agency secretaries a recommended Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy for California to guide the Monitoring Council's activities into the future.

On June 22, 2016, Jonathan Bishop decided to delegate his role as Monitoring Council Co-Chair for the California Environmental Protection Agency to Karen Larsen, the State Water Board's new Deputy Director for the Division of Water Quality. Prior to moving to the Division of Water Quality, Ms. Larsen served as Assistant Deputy Director for the Division of Drinking Water and, in that capacity, served as the California Drinking Water Program representative on the

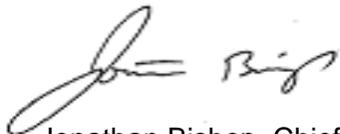
Monitoring Council. In an earlier position as Deputy Director of the Water Board's Office of Information Management and Analysis, Ms. Larsen had served as Jonathan Bishop's Co-Chair Alternate on the Monitoring Council.

Ms. Larsen's recent move creates a vacancy on the Council representing California's Drinking Water Program. On June 23, 2016, Cindy Forbes, Deputy Director for the State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water nominated Assistant Deputy Director, Robert Brownwood to fill this vacancy. Mr. Brownwood currently holds the same position formerly occupied by Ms. Larsen in the Division of Drinking Water.

Biographical information and qualifications for Karen Larsen and Robert Brownwood are enclosed.

To ensure that the Monitoring Council continues to move forward to implement the requirements of SB 1070, we would appreciate your confirmation of the proposed replacement Monitoring Council Co-Chair and replacement Member as outlined above by August 5, 2016. We will assume that you concur with these changes if we have not received a response by this date. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Jonathan Bishop at (916) 341-5603 or Jonathan.Bishop@waterboards.ca.gov or Stephani Spaar at (916) 376-9703 or Stephani.Spaar@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Monitoring Council Co-Chair
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Enclosures

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Karen Larsen, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board
Bob Brownwood, Division of Drinking Water, State Water Resources Control Board

Robert Brownwood, P.E.
Principal Engineer
Assistant Deputy Director
Program Management Branch
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board

Education:

Robert Brownwood has Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from California State University Fresno in Civil Engineering with an environmental and geotechnical emphasis.

Work Experience:

Robert Brownwood started working for the Division of Drinking Water as a student assistant in Fresno and worked as a field engineer throughout southern and central California until 2000 when he was promoted to District Engineer in Santa Rosa to start the Sonoma District. In 2004, Mr. Brownwood moved to Oklahoma to manage the City of Tulsa water supply system that consists of 200 miles of large diameter raw water transmission mains, five surface water treatment plants, two lakes and associated dams and a staff of 110. In 2014 he moved back to California as San Francisco District Engineer and in 2016 became Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) of the Program Management Branch of the Drinking Water Program.

Karen Larsen
Deputy Director
Division of Water Quality
State Water Resources Control Board

Education:

Karen Larsen earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from the University of California at Davis in 1995.

Work Experience:

Karen Larsen has served as Deputy Director for the State Water Board's Division of Water Quality since February 2016. In that capacity, she oversees statewide planning and policy development and implementation, statewide permitting, and coordination of statewide consistency among the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Prior to joining the Division of Water Quality, Ms. Larsen served as the Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Drinking Water and the Director of the State Water Board's Office of Information Management and Analysis. Ms. Larsen also spent 10 years at the Central Valley Regional Water Board working on a variety of water quality control and assessment programs.

Ms. Larsen has served as the CalEPA Co-chair Alternate and the Drinking Water Representative on the Water Quality Monitoring Council.