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Dear Ms. Peterson:

This is in response to those aspects of your complaint, dated April 8, 2014, that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Program (DWP). Your complaint concerned the Redwood Valley County Water District (RVCWD), Millview County Water District (MCWD) and Calpella County Water District (CCWD) proposed intertie project (project) to supply water to RVCWD. In addition, you submitted letters dated April 15, 2014 and April 28, 2014 in which you raised additional issues concerning this project and RVCWD supplying agricultural water. This letter is intended to address all of those concerns.

Water Quality concerns about the water produced by the Masonite Wells

Before any public water system can add a new source of supply it must apply for and receive a permit amendment from DWP. If MCWD submits an application for a permit amendment to add any new source, the DWP will conduct a thorough investigation and only approve the new source if the quality of the water introduced to the distribution meets all primary drinking water standards. If treatment is required to produce water that meets these standards, the DWP would also have to review and approve it before the water system would be allowed to use any new source to produce water to be supplied for potable purposes.

The Intertie between RVCWD and CCWD

The intertie between CCWD and RVCWD is being constructed to provide RVCWD a means of delivery of water adequate to protect the health and safety of its domestic customers. This second intertie is necessary because the existing intertie between these two public water systems cannot deliver sufficient flow to meet these minimum needs. With the construction of this intertie, CCWD will have the hydraulic capacity to convey this water through its distribution system to RVCWD. RVCWD has the responsibility to obtain all necessary permits and comply with any CEQA requirements that pertain to this project. Any concerns you have with permitting or CEQA requirements for this projects should be addressed to RVCWD.

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RVCWD has been allocated 355 acre-feet of water by the RRFC. Therefore it has a guaranteed source of water through the end of this year.

The Service Connection Moratorium imposed on CCWD, MCWD, and RVCWD
The service connection moratoriums on these three systems will not be lifted or removed as a result of the intertie project.

The Ability of MCWD and CCWD to supply water to RVCWD
MCWD currently has the capacity to serve its customer's needs and to provide the water allocated to RVCWD from its existing intake and treatment facilities. With the completion of the intertie project both MCWD and CCWD will also have the hydraulic capacity to wheel this water to RVCWD.

The storage capacity of MCWD and CCWD has no impact on these systems having the capability to treat and wheel water to RVCWD.

Place of Use vs. Health and Safety
If RVCWD attempted to discontinue service to customers outside its currently approved "place of use," the DWP would, for health and safety reasons, issue an order requiring it to continue to serve these customers.

Lack of Conservation Program in CCWD
It is our understanding that CCWD has implemented a mandatory conservation program which requires a 25 percent reduction by its customers. The imposition of this conservation program does not have an impact on the ability of CCWD to wheel water to RVCWD.

RVCWD Supplying Agricultural Water
The RVCWD Board of Directors voted at their April 17, 2014 to stop providing agricultural water as of April 21, 2014. As of that date, the RVCWD has ceased to supply water to its agricultural customers.

Sincerely,



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