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**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2015 10:18 AM  
**To:** Howard, Tom  
**Cc:** O'Hagan, John@Waterboards; WB-EXEC-BoardMembers; Vasquez, Victor@Waterboards  
**Subject:** RE: Voluntary Agreement regarding SMUD Operations  
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Mr. Howard,

On behalf of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, I want to express our sincere gratitude to—and to commend—you and your staff, especially John O'Hagan and Victor Vasquez, in taking the time during this extremely busy drought season to process this request, particularly at the onset of the thunderstorms occurring right now in the Upper American River Project watershed.

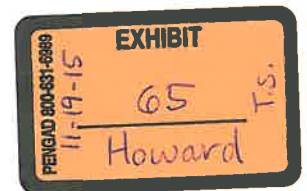
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**From:** Howard, Tom [<mailto:Tom.Howard@waterboards.ca.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2015 10:03 AM  
**To:** Joe Schofield  
**Cc:** O'Hagan, John@Waterboards; WB-EXEC-BoardMembers  
**Subject:** Voluntary Agreement regarding SMUD Operations



Mr. Schofield,

I have reviewed your emails and supporting information regarding relief from curtailment for SMUD's License 11073 covering Ice House Reservoir and Union Valley Reservoir and License 11074 covering Rubicon Reservoir, Buck Island Lake, Loon Lake, and Union Valley Reservoir, all part of the Upper American River Project (UARP). You request that the Water Board allow SMUD to continue to store water under these licenses after being curtailed on May 1, 2015 similar to the approval I made last year.

As allowed last year, the Water Board can consider local voluntary agreements in lieu of curtailments in 2015, provided agreement assures that there is no harm to prior right holders and there is no unreasonable effect on fish and wildlife. The Bureau has confirmed that its releases at Folsom Dam will always exceed the full natural flows into Folsom and that it is supportive of your proposal. As a consequence, prior right holders downstream of Folsom are receiving the necessary flows to satisfy any prior rights to water from the American River if these releases are maintained as