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**STATEMENT ON THE CLOSURE OF THE
COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE CALIFORNIA
WATERFIX ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW**

FRESNO, CA – With today's closure of the public comment period for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)/California WaterFix's Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Review (EIR) documents, the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and Westlands Water District released the following:

Over the past decade, we have invested heavily in the form of financial support, manpower, and countless hours working toward a solution on a project that would be beneficial to the co-equal goals of habitat restoration and water supply reliability. As we have stated in the recent past, additional work needs to be done before the California WaterFix will provide a dependable and affordable solution for public water agencies that receive water from the Central Valley Project. We believe that for the long-term health of the State of California, a solution is necessary. Therefore, we hope that as the process continues, the operational criteria will be reflective of the needs of the entire state because the current path would result in tens of millions of dollars of investment with nothing to show for it.

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