Attachment L
Comment Letters Regarding Proposed MUN De-Designation
September 10, 2013

Mr. Clay Rodgers
Assistant Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno CA, 93706

RE: Letter of Support for the Proposed Municipal Delisting of the Tulare Lake Bed.

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

Based upon the recommendation from the Kings County Water Commission the Kings County Board of Supervisors supports removing the groundwater MUN designation within the Tulare Lake Bed area. The County is well aware that groundwater within the Tulare Lakebed has historically and is currently unsuitable for Municipal use. The shallow groundwater contains very high levels of salt. Furthermore this area is prone to flooding.

It is the County’s understanding that all of the public supply wells are located outside of the area that has been proposed for MUN delisting and that the future use of the shallow groundwater is impracticable for municipal use. Any potential new public supply wells would be located up gradient and further away from the Recommended Delisting area; which is consistent with past trends. We do not believe the MUN delisting would cause any risk to any nearby public supply wells and no shallow wells are anticipated in the future.

As stated in this letter, the County is supportive of the MUN delisting for the Tulare Lake Bed area. Our county relies heavily on the viability of agriculture in the area for its future. The farmers have been very progressive in managing the salts and through these efforts have been successful in maintaining the sustainability of these lands.

Sincerely,

KINGS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Doug Verboon, Chairman

CC: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
January 22, 2014

Mr. Clay Rodgers
Assistant Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E. Street
Fresno, CA 93706

RE: Letter of Support for the Proposed Municipal Delisting of the Tulare Lake Bed.

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

The Alpaugh Community Services District (ACSD) has met with representatives from the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District to discuss the proposed groundwater Municipal (MUN) delisting and is supportive of removing the groundwater MUN designation within the Tulare Lake Bed area. The ACSD views the recommended delisting area as a nonviable water supply source for municipal water supply wells now and in the future. All of the ACSD’s municipal water supply wells are located outside of this area to the East.

Furthermore, the ACSD does not intend on installing new wells within the Recommended Delisting Boundary. Any potential new wells would be located up gradient and further away from the Recommended Delisting area; which is consistent with past trends. We do not believe the MUN delisting would cause any risk to our wells.

As stated in this letter, the ACSD is supportive of the MUN delisting for the Tulare Lake Bed area. Our community relies on the viability of agriculture in the area. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John E. Burchard
General Manager

CC: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1685 E Street  
Fresno CA, 93706

RE: Letter of Support for the Proposed Municipal Delisting of the Tulare Lake Bed.

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

The City of Corcoran (City) has met with representatives from the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District to discuss the proposed groundwater Municipal (MUN) delisting and is supportive of removing the groundwater MUN designation within the Tulare Lake Bed area. The City views the recommended delisting area as a nonviable water supply source for municipal water supply wells now and in the future. All of the City’s municipal water supply wells are located outside of this area to the east of Highway 43.

Furthermore, the City does not intend on installing new wells within the Recommended Delisting Boundary. Any potential new wells would be located up gradient and further away from the Recommended Delisting area; which is consistent with past trends. We do not believe the MUN delisting would cause any risk to our wells.

As stated in this letter, the City is supportive of the MUN delisting for the Tulare Lake Bed area. Our city relies on the viability of agriculture in the area. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Kroeker, City of Corcoran Public Works Director

CC: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
December 11, 2013

Mr. Clay Rodgers, Assistant Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL DELISTING OF THE TULARE LAKE BED

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

The Stratford Public Utility District (District) has spoken with representatives from the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District to discuss the proposed groundwater Municipal (MUN) delisting and is supportive of removing the groundwater MUN designation for the first encountered perched water in certain portions of the Tulare Lake Bed. The District views the recommended delisting area and the first encountered perched water (i.e., above 50 feet to the A-clay) as a nonviable water supply source for municipal and domestic water supply wells now and in the future.

The basis for our recommendation is the “Hydrogeologic Evaluation of Delisting Part of the Tulare Lakebed Area – Draft Report”, dated April, 2013, by Kenneth D. Schmidt & Associates and Groundwater Quality Consultants, which states on page 45, “The most important conclusion from the water-level data for the shallow groundwater is that the significant vertical water-level differences in the absence of pumping are an indication of the extremely low hydraulic conductivities of clay layers, in particular the A and B-clays. Considering the low vertical conductivities of the clay layers, this means that there is very little if any downward flow of groundwater.”

Although the District’s Wastewater Facility is not located in the “Draft Recommended MUN Delisting” boundary as shown on Figure 30 in the above-referenced draft report, the District requests that the Regional Water Quality Control Board concur that the first encountered groundwater under the District’s Wastewater Facility is not useable for municipal and domestic water supply and the groundwater that is below the A
and B clay layers is not impacted by the water quality of the first perched groundwater as discussed in the above-referenced draft report.

If you have any questions, please contact me or our Engineer, James Wegley.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Gonzalez, President

JG:je

cc: Mr. Jacob Westra, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
    Mr. Jim Wegley, Keller/Wegley Engineering
September 17, 2013

Mr. Clay Rodgers  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
1685 E Street  
Fresno CA, 93706

RE: Letter of Support for the Proposed Municipal Delisting of the Tulare Lake Bed

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

Kettleman City Community Services District (District) has reviewed the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District efforts for the proposed groundwater Municipal (MUN) delisting and is supportive of removing the groundwater MUN designation within the Tulare Lake Bed proposed delisting area. The District views the recommended delisting area as a nonviable water supply source for municipal water supply wells now and in the future. All of the District’s municipal water supply wells are located outside of this area to the West.  

Furthermore, due to water quality concerns, the District is moving forward with plans to construct a surface water treatment plant using water supplies from the California Aqueduct and does not intend to install new wells within the Recommended Delisting Boundary. Any potential new wells would be located up gradient and further away from the Recommended Delisting area which is consistent with past trends. We do not believe the MUN delisting would cause any risk to our wells.

As stated in this letter, the District is supportive of the MUN delisting for the Tulare Lake Bed area. The District relies on the viability of agriculture in the area. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Aletha Ware, Chairperson
January 23, 2014

Mr. Mark Gilkey  
Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District  
1001 Chase Ave  
Corcoran, CA 93212

RE: Letter of Support for the Proposed Tulare Lake Bed Groundwater Municipal Delisting

Dear Mr. Gilkey,

The J. G. Boswell Co. is aware and has been involved in discussions with representatives of the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District regarding the proposed delisting of the Tulare Lake Bed groundwater Municipal (MUN) Beneficial Use designation. Boswell is supportive of removing the MUN designation that currently applies to the shallow groundwater in the Tulare Lake Bed area.

Boswell has farmed in the Lake Bed for decades and we know that the shallow groundwater is not potable and therefore is unsuitable for municipal/domestic use. As such, Boswell currently do not use shallow groundwater water for municipal/domestic purposes and we do not intend to use do so in the future. To the extent we extract groundwater in the Lake Bed, it is pumped from deep formations below the Corcoran Clay and used for agricultural purposes.

Sincerely,

J. G. Boswell Co.

[Signature]

George Wurzel  
Vice-President
October 7, 2013

Mark Gilkey
Tulare Lake Water Storage District
1001 Chase Ave.
Corcoran, CA 93212

RE: Support for MUN Delisting of TLB

Dear Mark,

Gilkey Five is in full support of TLBWSD and TLDD’s effort to remove the MUN designation from the shallow groundwater of the Tulare Lake Basin. We are totally aware of and have been involved in discussions regarding this matter.

Our family has farmed within the Tulare Lake Basin since the 1920’s and know from trial and error that the waters within the area, above the Corcoran Clay, are unsuitable for Municipal use. We will make no attempt to use said waters for municipal purpose. Any use of groundwater, drawn from below the Corcoran Clay, is strictly intended for agricultural purposes.

Sincerely,

Ralph Gilkey/Partner
Gilkey Five
Mr. Mark Gilkey  
Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District  
1001 Chase Ave.  
Corcoran, CA 93212  

RE: Letter of Support for the Proposed Groundwater Municipal Delisting of the Tulare Lake Bed  

Dear Mr. Gilkey,  

I am aware and have been involved in discussions with representatives from the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District regarding the proposed groundwater Municipal (MUN) delisting. I am supportive of removing the Municipal (MUN) designation in the shallow groundwater in the Tulare Lake Bed area.  

As you know, our family has farmed within this area for generations and we know that waters within the area are unsuitable for Municipal use. We do not intend to attempt to make any municipal use of the water to be delisted. Our use of groundwater is for agricultural purposes and is from deep waters below the Corcoran Clay.  

Sincerely,  

James Hansen  
JH/tlc
January 25, 2014

Mr. Mark Gilkey
Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
1001 Chase Ave
Corcoran, CA 93212


Dear Mr. Gilkey,

Newton Bros is aware and has been involved in discussions with representatives from the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District regarding the proposed groundwater Municipal (MUN) delisting. Newton Bros is supportive of removing the Municipal (MUN) designation in the shallow groundwater in the Tulare Lake Bed area.

As you know, the Newton family has farmed within this area since 1911 and we know that waters within the area are unsuitable for Municipal use. We do not intend to attempt to make any municipal use of the water to be delisted. Our use of groundwater is for agricultural purposes and is from deep waters below the Corcoran Clay.

Sincerely,

Danny Newton, Patrick Newton, Paul Newton & John Newton

[Signatures]
January 31, 2014

Mr. Mark Gilkey
Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
1001 Chase Avenue
Corcoran, CA  93212

Re: Letter of Support for the Proposed Groundwater Municipal Delisting of the Tulare Lake Bed

Dear Mr. Gilkey:

Sandridge Partners is aware and has been involved in discussions with representatives from the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District regarding the proposed groundwater Municipal (MUM) delisting. Sandridge Partners is supportive of removing the Municipal (MUM) designation in the shallow groundwater in the Tulare Lake Bed area.

As you know, Sandridge Partners has farmed within this area for many years and we know that waters within the area are unsuitable for Municipal use. We do not intend to attempt to make any municipal use of the water to be delisted. Our use of groundwater is for agricultural purposes and is from deep waters below the Corcoran Clay.

Sincerely,

Ted K. Page
Agent for John T. Vičovich, General Partner, Sandridge Partners
October 7, 2013

Mr. Mark Gilkey
Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage Dist.
1061 Chace Ave
Crescent, Ca. 93212


Dear Mr. Gilkey,

I am aware of proposed groundwater Municipal (MUN) deleterion and have discussed it with representative of Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District. I am supportive of removing the Municipal (MUN) designation in the shallow groundwater in the Tulare Lake Bed area.

My family has farmed within this area for generations, having purchased this property in 1887, and we know that waters within the area are unsuitable for Municipal use. We do not intend to attempt to make any municipal use of the water to be deleterioned. Any use of groundwater would be for agricultural purposes and would be from deep waters below the Corcoran Clay.

Sincerely,
William Sexton
Section 3, Township 23 South, Range 22 East, County of Kings
January 22, 2014

Mr. Mark Gilkey, General Manager  
Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District  
1001 Chase Avenue  
Corcoran, CA 93212  


Dear Mr. Gilkey,

I am aware of and have been involved in discussions with representatives from the Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District with respect to the proposed groundwater Municipal (MUN) delisting of land in the Tulare Lake area. I support removing the Municipal (MUN) designation with respect to shallow groundwater in the Tulare Lake Bed area.

I have owned property in the Tulare Lake area for the past six years and have worked in the area for the past 40 years. The first encountered (shallow) groundwater in the area is extremely poor quality and is unsuitable for either municipal or agricultural use. My property overlies no usable groundwater, neither shallow nor deeper. In fact the property was tile drained until the disposal site, an evaporation pond, was shut down by State regulatory agencies. Because of the quality of the shallow groundwater, I have no intentions to attempt to make any use, either agricultural or municipal, of the water being considered to be delisted. Further, as mentioned above, there is no usable groundwater underlying the property at any depth; and as such, no uses of groundwater for any purposes are contemplated.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Carlo J. Wilcox