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Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – DOI-BOR-2021-002256

Dear Mr. Suman:

This letter is in initial response to your FOIA request dated February 4, 2021. Your request and attachments were assigned to the California Great-Basin regional office on February 9, 2021. The request was assigned the FOIA tracking number DOI-BOR-2021-002256. Please use this number in all future communications regarding the request. We are currently experiencing a backlog of requests due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will be processing the request on a first in, first out basis according to the date the request was received.

The request is for 1) Copies of the March 2014 bids including bids from Ray Flanders and Jim Jasper referenced in the attached July 19, 2014 news article. 2) A copy of email communications to and from federal employees and Mr. Thomas Greci, General Manager of the Madera Irrigation District during the time period of February and March 2014 via Mr. Greci's email address: tgreci@madera-id.org. And 3) Documentation or flow accounting information dated in February or March 2014 documenting the source, type or "color" of the 3,236 acre feet of water sold from the San Luis Reservoir by the Madera Irrigation District per the public bid process that is the subject of this public records request.

Your requester category is evaluated as 'other,' and the request will be placed in the 'complex' processing track because we are going to search for records in more than one of our offices. We will be using your attachments to evaluate the request. We do not anticipate that there will be billable fees for this request. A final response to the request will follow as soon as possible.

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Pursuant to 43 CFR § 2.19, we are making available our FOIA Public Liaison to assist in resolving any disputes between you and Reclamation. The acting FOIA Public Liaison is Ms. Cindy Cafaro. The public liaison can be reached by telephone at (888) 603-7119. For correspondence, the mailing address is Department of the Interior FOIA Office, MS-5558, MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

If you have any questions about this response, please contact the undersigned at 916-978-5554, or e-mail sha-MPR-FOIA@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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Christopher S. Miller
Regional FOIA Officer

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