Appendix B4

Contract between the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Solano County Water Agency Providing for Water Service

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Solano Project, California

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND

SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY PROVIDING FOR WATER SERVICE

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•	Contract No. 14-00-200-4090	
2 3	UNITED STATES	
	DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR	
4 5	BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	
5	Solano Project, California	
6	CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES	
7	AND	
8	SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY	
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9	THIS CONTRACT, made this 28 day of Johnsy 1997, in	
0	pursuance generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory or	
1	supplementary thereto, including, but not limited to, the acts of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844),	
2	as amended and supplemented, August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended and supplemented,	
3	July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483), June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68), and October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1262), as	
4	amended, all collectively hereinafter referred to as the Federal Reclamation law, between THE	
5	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the United States, and the	
6	SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY, successor in interest to the SOLANO COUNTY	
7	FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as	
8	the Agency, a political subdivision of the State of California, duly organized, existing, and acting	
9	pursuant to the laws thereof, with its principal place of business in the City of Vacaville, State of	
.0	California,	

WITNESSETH, That:

EXPLANATORY RECITALS

	WHEREAS, on May 5, 1948, the Secretary of the Interior approved and adopted
	a report on the Solano County Project, dated March 15, 1948, which was presented to the
	President of the United States on November 11, 1948, and to the Congress on January 1, 1949,
	thereby authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Project; and
	WHEREAS, the United States has constructed the Solano Project, herein after
٠	referred to as the Project, for flood control and for the storage, diversion, carriage, distribution,
	and beneficial use of water of the Putah Creek for the purpose of agricultural, municipal,
	industrial and domestic consumption, and other purposes; and
	WHEREAS, on March 7, 1955, the Agency and the United States entered into
	Contract No. 14-06-200-4090 (Original Contract), which required the United States to furnish
	Project water to the Agency to be delivered to various Participating Agencies of the Agency; and
	WHEREAS, the United States has determined that the Agency to date has fulfilled
	all of its obligations under the Original Contract; and
	WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer has determined that the Participating
	Agencies have for many years had the capability to fully utilize for reasonable and beneficial use
	the water of the Project; and
	WHEREAS, the United States and the Agency have requested the State Water
	Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to license the Project water rights, and have entered into an
	agreement which provides that: (1) if prior to the licensing of the Project water rights, title to the
	major Project works has not been transferred to the Agency and /or the Participating Agencies
	and the reimbursable costs of the Project have not been fully repaid, the Agency shall take all

necessary steps to add the United States as an additional licensee pending such transfer of title or such repayment; (2) if after the name of the United States has been added to the Project water right license (s), title to the major Project works is transferred to the Agency and/or the Participating Agencies or the Agency and the Participating Agencies fully repay the reimbursable costs of the Project, the United States shall thereupon take all necessary steps to remove its name from the license (s); (3) upon the issuance of the license (s), the Agency shall take all necessary steps to add the Participating Agencies as additional licensees; and

WHEREAS, rights of renewal of Contract No. 14-06-200-4090 pursuant to subsections (c) and (e) of Section 9 of the Act of August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), as amended by the Acts of July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483) and June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68) are set forth in this contract; and

WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer and the Agency agree that the Project shall be operated to provide for the protection of prior downstream rights holders and public trust resources in accordance with Project Water Rights, and that the Contracting Officer will petition the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to amend the Solano Project water rights to address the Project's obligation to release water into Putah Creek for public trust resources in addition to such water currently being released for downstream interests; and

WHEREAS, the Contracting Officer and the Agency will execute a contract which provides for the Agency and any of its subcontractors to continue the funding and performance of operation and maintenance of the Project; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants herein contained, it is hereby mutually agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. When used herein unless otherwise distinctly expressed, or manifestly incompatible with the intent hereof, the term:

- (a) "Act" shall mean the Solano County Water Agency Act, being Chapter 573 of the 1989 Statutes of the State of California, as the same may hereafter be amended or re-enacted;
- (b) "Administrative Charges" shall mean those Project costs, including overhead, reasonably incurred by the Contracting Officer in connection with, but not limited to: monitoring, administering, and negotiating a subsequent renewal and/or possibly amendments or supplements to this contract; maintaining water delivery and payment records; accounting for annual financial operations; the development of annual water rates and related activities; activities associated with Project water rights, including but not limited to the State licensing process; and all costs exclusive of capital costs associated with all environmental requirements required to administer this contract and provide for the continuation of water as intended herein;
- (c) "Agency's Service Area" shall mean the area to which the Agency is permitted to provide Project Water under this contract identified in Exhibit "A", which area and exhibit may be revised without amending this contract if such revisions are acceptable to the Contracting Officer;
- (d) "Available Supply" shall mean the quantity of Project Water the United
 States is authorized by applicable law, including, but not limited to, applicable provisions
 of California water law, the provisions of Project water right permits/licenses, and final

decisions of the SWRCB or any Court which are binding on the United States, to make available to the Agency during each Year pursuant to this contract. The Available Supply does not include the quantity of Project Water the Contracting Officer is required by applicable law to make available to some party other than the Agency, including the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and/or is required by applicable law to allocate to a purpose or purposes other than irrigation, municipal or industrial purposes. In addition, unless mutually agreed by the parties, in writing, the Available Supply during each Year shall not exceed the lesser of the total quantity of Project Water (i) stored in or that can be physically conveyed through Project facilities during that Year, or (ii) 207,350 acre-feet plus the amounts of any water stored from previous years pursuant to Article 4(c). If the United States is no longer named or is no longer a licensee on the Project water rights and the Agency has fully repaid the reimbursable cost of the Project, the prior sentence shall no longer be applicable: (e) "Calendar Year" shall mean the period from January 1 through

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- December 31, both dates inclusive:
- **(f)** "Contract Year" or "Year" shall mean the period from and including the first day of March of each Calendar Year through and including the last day of February of the following Calendar Year;
- (g) "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior or his duly authorized representative:
- (h) "Delivered Water" shall mean Project Water made available to the Agency and diverted at the point(s) of delivery approved by the Contracting Officer;

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- (i) "Eligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may be delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the RRA;
- (j) "Excess Lands" shall mean all lands defined as excess in Section 204 of the RRA, other than those lands exempt from acreage limitation under Federal Reclamation law;
- (k) "Ineligible Lands" shall mean all lands to which Irrigation Water may not be delivered in accordance with Section 204 of the RRA;
- (i) "Irrigation Water" shall mean Delivered Water which is used primarily in the production of commercial agricultural crops or livestock, including domestic use incidental thereto, and watering of livestock. Irrigation Water shall also include Delivered Water furnished to public entities for use on land that Reclamation determines the public entity uses primarily for non-revenue producing functions;
- (m) "M&I Water" shall mean water Delivered Water other than Irrigation
 Water. M&I Water shall include water used for purposes such as the watering of
 landscaping or pasture for animals (e.g., horses) which are kept for personal enjoyment or
 water delivered to landholdings operated in units of less than two (2) acres, or such larger
 landholding size, if any, specified in a water service contract between a Participating
 Agency or Public Agency and the United States, unless the Agency establishes to the
 satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that the use of water delivered to any such
 landholding is a use described in subdivision (1) of this Article;
- (n) "Participating Agency" shall mean any water district, reclamation district, irrigation district, water conservation district, municipality, flood control district,

other public entity, city, or political subdivision of the state empowered by law to appropriate water and to deliver water to water users, the territory of which lies principally within Solano County, or any state agency, which Participating Agency enters into a contract with the Agency for (i) the repayment in whole or in part to the Agency or any other person, corporation, public agency, or the United States of any or all of the construction costs of the Project, (ii) the underwriting in whole or part of any or all of those construction costs, (iii) the repayment in whole or in part to the Agency or any other person, corporation, public agency, or the United States of any or all of the cost of furnishing Project Water to the agency or the underwriting in whole or in part of the cost, or (iv) the payment in whole or in part for Project Water to be furnished or sold to that Participating Agency by the Agency or the United States.

- (o) "Project" shall mean the Solano Project, California, consisting of
 Monticello Dam and Reservoir, Putah Diversion Dam and Reservoir, and Putah South
 Canal, substantially as described and set forth in House Document No. 65, 81st Congress,
 1st Session (the "Solano Project Report");
- (p) "Project Water" shall mean all water that is developed, diverted, stored, or delivered by the United States in accordance with the statutes authorizing the Project and in accordance with the terms and conditions of applicable water rights permits and licenses acquired by and/or issued to the United States pursuant to California law which are now in effect and as may in the future be modified;
- (q) "Public Entity" shall mean States, political subdivisions or agencies thereof, and agencies of the federal government;

(r) "Secretary" or "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior or his duly authorized representative;

TERM OF CONTRACT--RIGHT TO USE OF WATER

2. (a) This contract shall be effective from March 1, 1999, and shall remain in effect through February 29, 2024. Upon request by the Agency, this contract and each renewal thereof shall be renewed pursuant to the Act of July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483), and the Act of June 21, 1963 (77 Stat. 68); Provided, That the request for renewal is given no later than two (2) years prior to the date on which the then-existing contract expires; and Provided further. That the Contracting Officer determines the Agency has substantially complied with all the terms and conditions of the contract then in effect.

WATER TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND DELIVERED TO THE AGENCY

- 3. (a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this contract, and consistent with applicable State water right permits and licenses, the Agency is entitled to, and the Contracting Officer shall be obligated to make available to the Agency the Available Supply of water from the Project. The quantity of Project Water made available to the Agency in any Year shall be scheduled and paid for pursuant to the provisions of Articles 4 and 5, and shall not exceed the quantity of Project Water the Agency intends to put to reasonable beneficial use within the Agency's Service Area or sell, transfer, or exchange pursuant to Article 8 during any Year.
- (b) The Agency shall utilize the Delivered Water in accordance with all applicable requirements of any Biological Opinion addressing the execution of this contract developed pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended, and in accordance with such environmental documentation as may be required for specific activities.

(c) The parties acknowledge that the Agency and some Participating Agencies are parties to the Putah Creek Water Cases (Judicial Council Coordination No. 2565) and that the Contracting Officer will petition the SWRCB to amend the Solano Project water rights to address the Project's obligation to release water into Putah Creek for public trust resources in addition to the quantities of water that are currently being released for downstream interests. The parties agree to work in good faith to pursue such petition which would meet the needs of the public trust resources. Nothing in this contract shall be construed to prohibit the Contracting Officer from filing, or taking further actions in support of such petition.

(d) Subject to the terms and conditions of this contract, the Agency's right pursuant to Federal Reclamation law and applicable State law to the beneficial use of water made available under and furnished pursuant to this renewal contract, and any subsequent renewal hereof, shall not be disturbed so long as the Agency fulfills all of its obligations under this and any subsequent renewal contracts.

TIME FOR DELIVERY OF WATER

- 4. (a) By February 1 of each Calendar Year during the term of this contract, the Agency shall submit to the Contracting Officer a written schedule, satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, showing the times and quantities of Project Water to be delivered to the Agency for irrigation and M&I use during the upcoming Year.
- (b) Said schedule shall indicate separately the amount of Irrigation Water,

 M&I Water, and the amount to cover conveyance canal losses, to be furnished by the United

 States during each month of the Year for which said schedule is submitted. The United States

 shall make all reasonable efforts to furnish Project Water in accordance with said schedule, or any

revision thereof satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, submitted by the Agency within a reasonable time before the desired change of the time for delivery as nearly as may be feasible.

the Contracting Officer that any portion of the water that the Agency has scheduled and paid for, pursuant to this Article 4 and Article 5 respectively, will not be used, then to the extent that storage space is available in Monticello Reservoir of the Project, the United States may, upon request of the Agency, withhold delivery of and store in Monticello Reservoir, for and on behalf of the Agency, any such unused quantities of water required to be made available and furnished by the United States pursuant to this contract, such water shall thereafter be made available to the Agency in accordance with a schedule to be furnished by the Agency; Provided, That in the event any water is so stored and it becomes necessary to release water from Monticello Reservoir because of the lack of storage capacity or in the event that water spills from Monticello Reservoir, water so released or spilled shall, up to the amount stored for and on behalf of the Agency, be deemed the water stored for and on behalf of the Agency.

RATE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR PROJECT WATER

5. (a) The rate to be paid for Irrigation Water furnished during the Year beginning March 1, 1999, shall be \$2.65 per acre-foot. This rate shall also apply to conveyance canal losses. Six (6) months prior to the end of every Year beginning March 1, 2000, and every Year thereafter, Reclamation shall revise the Irrigation Water rate, as necessary for the sole purpose of recovering the Project's unpaid capital costs of the Project by February 28, 2009. The Irrigation Water rate shall be adjusted in accordance with the following methodology: Reclamation shall assume an annual delivery of 157,000 acre-feet of Irrigation Water. If the

Amount of Irrigation Water delivered in any Year is less that 157,000 acre-feet, the following Year's Irrigation Water rate will be increased to recover the difference between the revenues that would have been collected by delivering 157,000 acre-feet at \$2.65 per acre-foot. If the Irrigation Water delivered in any year exceeds 157,000 acre-feet, the following Year's Irrigation Water rate will remain at \$2.65 per acre-foot. Water stored and paid for pursuant to Article 4(c) above shall not be subject to any Rate in the year in which it is ultimately delivered.

- (b) The rate to be paid for M&I Water furnished beginning March 1, 1999, shall be \$15.00 per acre-foot. Six (6) months prior to the end of every Year, beginning in 2000, and every Year thereafter, Reclamation shall revise the M&I Water rate, as necessary, for the sole purpose of recovering the unpaid capital costs of the Project by February 28, 2009. It is recognized that all revenues derived from the delivery of M&I Project water shall be credited to repayment of the unpaid capital cost of the Project allocated to irrigation. The M&I Water rate shall be adjusted in accordance with the following methodology: Reclamation shall assume an annual delivery of 43,000 acre-feet of M&I Water per Year. If the amount of M&I Water delivered in any Year is less than 43,000 acre-feet, the following Year's M&I Water rate will be increased to recover the difference between the revenues that would have been collected by delivering 43,000 acre-feet at \$15.00 per acre-foot. If the M&I Water delivered in any year exceeds 43,000 acre-feet, the following Year's M&I Water rate will be remain at \$15.00 per acre feet. Water stored and paid for pursuant to Article 4.(c) above shall not be subject to any Rate in the year in which it is ultimately delivered.
- (c) Each Year the Agency shall make payment of the amount due to the United States for the amounts of Irrigation Water, M&I Water, and conveyance canal losses as described

in Article 4(a) as follows: The Agency shall pay for one-half of the amount of Project Water scheduled to be delivered during each Year on or before the first day of the Year and shall pay the remainder of said amount on before September 1 of said Year, or such other later date or dates of the respective Year as may be specified by the Contracting Officer in a written notice to the Agency.

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(d) In addition to the rates described in (a) and (b) of this Article, the Agency shall pay in advance to United States sufficient funds to cover any Administrative Charges associated with this contract in any upcoming Year. In consultation with the Agency, Reclamation shall estimate the Administrative Charges and shall provide said estimate to the Agency in writing by January 1 of each Calendar Year. The Agency shall pay one-half of the estimated Administrative Charges for each Year by March 1 of each Calendar Year and the remaining one half by September 1 of each Calendar Year. However, for the period March 1, 1999, through February 29, 2000, the Agency shall provide payment of the Administrative Costs in the following manner: The Agency shall advance to the United States \$25,000 to finance the estimated Administrative Charges for the period March 1, 1999, through February 29, 2000. If the Contracting Officer determines after consultation with the Agency, anytime between March 1, 1999, through February 29, 2000, that \$25,000 is insufficient to cover the actual Administrative Charges for the period March 1, 1999, through February 29, 2000, the Contracting Officer shall so advise the Agency, and the Agency shall remit to the United States an amount sufficient to cover the actual Administrative Charges.

(e) Upon payout of the capital costs of the Project allocated to irrigation, the water rates described in (a) and (b) of this Article shall be adjusted or eliminated, as appropriate, in accordance with Federal Reclamation law then in effect.

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In the event that the United States undertakes improvements, (f) modifications, and/or additions to the Project, which result in an increase of the capital costs of the Project, and the repayment of such cost is not expressly addressed in the statute authorizing such undertaking (for example, the Safety of Dams Act of November 2, 1978, as amended), under those circumstances, the United States, in consultation with the Agency, shall establish an appropriate repayment period and the Agency shall commence paying a rate, which is sufficient to permit the United States to recover such additional capital costs from the Agency within that repayment period. Should additional capital work be approved for the Solano Project, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) shall only be responsible for its appropriate share of any additional capital costs associated with improvements and modifications to Project facilities used to store or deliver Project Water to said District. Improvements and modifications to Project facilities not used to store or deliver Project Water to the District will be the responsibility of the Agency, its successors or assigns, as appropriate. The District's share of any future capital cost for the Project shall be based on its prorated share of the quantity of Project Water delivered from the Project.

(g) Revenues received by the United States pursuant to this renewal contract shall be allocated and applied in accordance with Federal Reclamation law.

(h) At the Agency's request, the Contracting Officer shall provide to the Agency an accounting of all the expenses allocated and the disposition of all revenues received pursuant to this renewal contract in sufficient detail to allow the Agency to determine that the allocation of expenses and disposition of all revenues received was accomplished in conformance with Federal Reclamation law. The Contracting Officer and the Agency shall enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or disputes arising out of said accounting or the Agency's review thereof.

(i) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this renewal contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated that mechanisms, policies and procedures used for establishing rates and charges, and/or for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article could be in the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into agreements for alternative mechanisms, policies, and procedures for any of those purposes while this renewal contract is in effect without amending this renewal contract.

POINT OF DELIVERY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

6. (a) The Project Water to be furnished to the Agency pursuant to this contract shall be made available to the Agency at the headworks of the Putah South Canal at the Putah Diversion Dam, and any additional point or points of delivery either on Project facilities or another location or locations mutually agreed to in writing by the Contracting Officer and the Agency, which writing shall also address measuring points and obligations for any additional location or locations.

(b) Irrigation Water furnished to the Agency pursuant to this contract shall be delivered by the Agency to its Participating Agencies in accordance with applicable land classification provisions of Federal Reclamation law and the associated regulations. The Agency shall not deliver Project Water to land outside the Agency's Service Area unless approved by the Contracting Officer.

- (c) All Delivered Water shall be measured and recorded with existing equipment furnished and installed by the Contracting Officer, and operated, maintained, and replaced, as necessary, by the Agency, at the headworks of the Putah South Canal. Upon the request of the Contracting Officer, the Agency shall investigate the accuracy of such measurements and shall take any necessary steps to adjust any errors appearing therein.
- M&I Water delivered to Participating Agencies that receive exclusively M&I Water will be measured by the Agency at the points of delivery to each of said Participating Agency. All M&I Water delivered to Participating Agencies that receive both M&I Water and Irrigation Water is measured by each of these Participating Agencies at the point(s) of delivery to each of the Participating Agency's customers of said class of water. Where necessary, as conclusively determined by the Contracting Officer, the Agency will install measuring equipment at turnouts along the Putah South Canal; Provided, That upon the request of the United States, the Agency shall investigate the accuracy of all measuring equipment, installed by the Agency and its Participating Agencies, to determine the amounts of M&I Water used, and shall adjust, at the Agency's expense, any errors disclosed by such investigation. The Agency shall provide the United States with access to all such measuring equipment to permit it to determine the accuracy

thereof. The Agency shall maintain records satisfactory to the Contracting Officer of the amount of M&I Water furnished.

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- (e) The Agency shall advise the Contracting Officer on or before the 15th calendar day of each month of the total quantity of Delivered Water taken during the preceding month, and the quantity of such water taken as M&I Water.
- handling, use, disposal, or distribution of water, which may be furnished hereunder, outside the facilities then being operated and maintained by the United States. The Agency and Participating Agencies shall hold harmless the United States, its officers, agents and employees from legal liability for damages of any nature whatsoever arising out of any actions or omissions by the Agency, its officers, agents and employees related to the control, carriage, handling, use, or disposal or distribution of water outside the facilities operated and maintained by the United States, unless provided for in any Operations and Maintenance contract between the Contracting Officer and the Agency.

MEASUREMENT OF WATER WITHIN THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

7. (a) Within five (5) years of the effective date of this contract, the Agency and all Participating Agencies shall ensure that, unless one or more of the Participating Agencies establishes an alternative measurement program satisfactory to the Contracting Officer, all Irrigation Water delivered within each of the Participating Agency's service areas is measured at each agricultural turnout and all M&I Water delivered within each of the Participating Agency's service areas is measured at each municipal and industrial service connection. All water measuring devices or water measuring methods of comparable effectiveness must be acceptable to

the Contracting Officer. The Participating Agencies shall be responsible for installing, operating, and maintaining and repairing all such measuring devices and implementing all such water measuring methods at no cost to the United States. The Participating Agencies shall use the information obtained from such water measuring devices or water measuring methods to ensure proper management of the water; to bill water users for water delivered by the Participating Agency; and, if applicable, to record water delivered for M&I purposes by customer class as defined in its water conservation plan. Nothing herein contained, however, shall preclude any Participating Agency from establishing and collecting any charges, assessments or other revenues authorized by California law. The Agency shall also include a summary of each of the Participating Agency's annual surface water deliveries in the annual report described in Article 14(c).

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- (b) All new surface water delivery systems installed within any Participating

 Agency's service area after the effective date of this contract shall comply with the measurement

 provisions described in subdivision (a) of this Article.
- (c) The Agency shall inform the Contracting Officer and the State of California in writing by April 30 of each Year of the monthly volume of surface Project and non-Project Water delivered by the Agency within the Agency's Service Area during the previous Year.
- (d) The Agency shall be responsible for ascertaining and reporting to the Contracting Officer whether the amount of Irrigation Water or M&I Water delivered each Year, irrespective of the size of the landholding where the water is used, so that the Contracting Officer can apply the appropriate rates.

TRANSFERS OR EXCHANGES OF WATER

transferred, or exchanged with the prior written approval of the Contracting Officer and completed consultation pursuant to Section 7 of the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended, and only if authorized by other applicable Federal laws, State laws, and applicable guidelines or regulations then in effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Agency shall have the right, in accordance with the Agency's contracts with Participating Agencies, to transfer allocations of Project Water among Participating Agencies for use within the Agency's Service Area without prior consent by or notice to the Contracting Officer, as long as the transfer is in accordance with all the applicable requirements of any Biological Opinion on this contract. Without the prior approval of the Contracting Officer and completed consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended, the right to Project Water provided for in this contract may not be sold, transferred, or exchanged outside the Agency's Service Area.

APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

9. (a) The amount of any overpayment by the Agency shall be applied first to any accrued indebtedness arising out of this contract then due and payable to the United States by the Agency, and any amount of such overpayment thereafter remaining shall, at the option of the Agency, be refunded to the Agency or credited upon amounts to become due to the United States from the Agency under the provisions of this contract in the ensuing Year.

TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS--RETURN FLOWS

10. (a) Subject to: (i) the authorized purposes and priorities of the Project; and (ii) the obligations of the United States under existing contracts, or renewals thereof, providing for water deliveries from the Project, the Contracting Officer shall make all reasonable efforts to optimize Project Water deliveries to the Agency as provided in this contract.

Project Water to be delivered to the Agency as herein provided for the purposes of investigation, inspection, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any of the Project facilities or any part thereof necessary for the delivery of Project Water to the Agency, but so far as feasible the Contracting Officer will give the Agency due notice in advance of such temporary discontinuance or reduction, except in case of emergency, in which case no notice need be given: Provided, That the United States shall use its best efforts to avoid any discontinuance or reduction in such service. Upon resumption of service after such reduction or discontinuance, and if requested by the Agency, the United States will, if possible, deliver the quantity of Project Water, which would have been delivered hereunder in the absence of such discontinuance or reduction: Provided further, That with respect to any quantity of Project Water not delivered after a discontinuance or reduction the Agency shall be relieved of its scheduling and payment obligations for such quantity of Project Water.

derived from water delivered to the Agency hereunder, which escapes or is discharged beyond the boundaries of the Agency: Provided, That this shall not be construed as claiming for the United States any right to groundwater recharge within the Agency's boundaries subject to the limitations of Article 11, seepage or return flow being put to reasonable and beneficial use pursuant to this contract within the Agency's Service Area by the Agency or those claiming by, through, or under the Agency.

UNAVOIDABLE GROUND-WATER PERCOLATION

11. The Agency shall not be deemed to have furnished Irrigation Water to Excess Lands or Ineligible Lands within the meaning of this contract if such lands are irrigated with ground water that reaches the underground strata as an unavoidable result of the furnishing of Irrigation Water by the Agency to Eligible Lands.

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SEVERABILITY

12. In the event that a person or entity, who is neither (i) a party to a Project contract nor (ii) a person or entity that received Project Water from a party to a Project contract, nor (iii) an association or other form of organization whose primary function is to represent parties to Project contracts, brings an action in a court of competent jurisdiction challenging the legality of enforceability of a provision included in this contract and said person, entity, association, or organization obtains a final court decision holding that such provision is legally invalid or unenforceable, and the Agency has not intervened in that lawsuit in support of the plaintiff(s), the parties to this contract shall use their best efforts to (i) within thirty (30) days of the date of such final court decision identify by mutual agreement the provisions in this contract which must be revised, and (ii) within three (3) months thereafter promptly agree on the appropriate revision(s). The time periods specified above may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Pending the completion of the actions designated above, to the extent it can do so without violating any applicable provision of law, the United States shall continue to make the quantities of Project water specified in this contract available to the Agency pursuant to the provisions of this contract, which were not found to be legally invalid or unenforceable in the final court decision.

AGENCY TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

13. In addition to other payments to be made by the Agency pursuant to this contract, the Agency shall pay to the United States, within sixty (60) days after receipt of a bill and detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Agency for such specific items of direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Agency associated with this contract plus a percentage of such direct costs for administrative and general overhead in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policy and procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article shall not exceed the amount agreed to in writing in advance by the Agency. This Article shall not apply to costs for routine contract administration.

WATER CONSERVATION

- 14. (a) The parties acknowledge that, as of the date of execution of this contract, the Agency and each of the Participating Agencies that is obligated to do so have developed and are implementing water conservation plans (i) which contain definite water conservation goals, appropriate economically feasible water conservation measures, and a time schedule for meeting the water conservation goals, (ii) which meet or exceed (a) the requirements of Federal law and (b) the criteria entitled "U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans," and (iii) and which shall be updated at least every five (5) years.
- (b) The Agency shall, promptly upon its adoption, submit to the Contracting

 Officer a copy of any material revision to its water conservation plan or to a water conservation

 plan of a Participating Agency.

(c) The Agency shall submit to the Contracting Officer by February 15, of each Calendar Year, a report of the status of implementation of its water conservation plan and implementation of the water conservation plans of each of the Participating Agencies.

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- (d) (1) If at any time the Contracting Officer concludes that the Agency or a Participating Agency's water conservation plan does not substantially conform to the requirements of Federal law or rules or regulations promulgated by the Contracting Officer pursuant to Federal law, then the Agency and/or each Participating Agency shall amend their respective water conservation plans as necessary to meet the requirements of such law, rule, or regulation.
- Participating Agency's water conservation plan is materially inconsistent with any water conservation criteria adopted by the Contracting Officer pursuant to Reclamation law then in effect, the Contracting Office shall promptly notify the Agency or Participating Agency of his conclusion and the reasons for it. Thereafter, the Contracting Officer and the Agency or Participating Agency shall promptly confer for the purpose of reaching agreement as to any changes that will be made to the water conservation plan in light of such criteria.

WATER ACQUIRED BY THE AGENCY OTHER THAN FROM THE UNITED STATES

15. Water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Agency other than from the United States and Irrigation Water furnished pursuant to the terms of this contract may be simultaneously transported through the same distribution facilities of the Agency subject to the following: (i) if the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation Water and non-Project water

were constructed without funds made available pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, the provisions of Federal Reclamation law will be applicable only to the landholders of lands, which receive Irrigation Water; (ii) the eligibility of land to receive Irrigation Water must be established through the certification requirements as specified in the Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations 43 CFR Part 426); (iii) the water requirements of eligible lands within the Agency's Service Area can be established, and the quantity of Irrigation Water to be utilized is less than or equal to the quantity necessary to irrigate such eligible lands; and (iv) the facilities utilized for commingling Irrigation Water and non-Project water are constructed with funds made available pursuant to Federal Reclamation law, the non-Project water will be subject to Federal Reclamation law.

EXISTING OR ACQUIRED WATER OR WATER RIGHTS

16. Except as specifically provided in Article 15 of this contract, the provisions of this contract shall not be applicable to or affect any water or water rights now owned or hereafter acquired by the Agency or any user of such water within the Agency's Service Area from other than the United States. Any such water shall not be considered Project Water under this contract. In addition, this contract shall not be construed as limiting or curtailing any rights, which the Agency or any water user within the Agency's Service Area acquires or has available under any other contract pursuant to the Federal Reclamation law.

TITLE TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES

17. Title to all of the Project works constructed by the United States shall be and remain in the name of the United States until otherwise provided by the Congress,

notwithstanding the transfer of any of such works to the Agency or other non-Federal entity for operation and maintenance.

CONTRACTS BETWEEN AGENCY AND PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Agency, the Agency shall enter into a contractual relationship with that Participating Agency, which shall provide that the terms thereof are subject to the terms of this contract. Currently the Agency has contracts with the following Participating Agencies: the California Department of Corrections; the Cities of Fairfield, Suisun City, Vacaville, and Vallejo; the Maine Prairie Water District; the Solano Irrigation District; and the University of California; which contracts provide for a right to renewal upon renewal of the Original Contract.

CONDITIONS UPON DELIVERY OF WATER BY THE UNITED STATES FROM THE PROJECT

19. The Agency shall be the exclusive party through which the United States furnishes Project Water by contract to water users within the territorial jurisdiction of the Agency.

WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

20. The Agency, in carrying out this contract, shall comply with all applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California, and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, or local authorities.

QUALITY OF WATER

21. (a) Project facilities used to make available and deliver Project Water to the Agency pursuant to this contract shall be operated and maintained to enable the United States to make available and deliver Project Water to the Agency in accordance with the water quality standards specified in subsection 2(b) of the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 865), as added by Section 101 of the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050) or other existing Federal laws. The United States is under no obligation to construct or furnish water treatment facilities to maintain or to better the quality of Project Water furnished to the Agency pursuant to this contract. The

United States does not warrant the quality of Project Water made available and delivered to the Agency pursuant to this contract.

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- (b) The operation and maintenance of Project facilities shall be performed in such manner as is practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through such facilities at the highest level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting Officer. The Agency shall be responsible for compliance with all State and Federal water quality standards applicable to surface and subsurface agricultural drainage discharges generated through the use of Federal or Agency facilities or Project Water provided by the Agency within the Agency's Service Area. This Article shall not affect or alter any legal obligations of the Secretary to provide drainage services.
- (c) The Contracting Officer shall continue to cooperate with the Agency on programs and projects to improve the quality of water delivered by the Project including, but not limited to, measures to control erosion, sedimentation, and pollutants in the watershed of Monticello Reservoir.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL RECLAMATION LAW

22. The parties agree that the delivery of irrigation water or use of Federal facilities pursuant to this contract is subject to Federal Reclamation law including, but not limited to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390aa et seq.), as amended and supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Federal Reclamation law.

RULES, REGULATIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND SHORTAGE

- 23. (a) The parties agree that the delivery of water of the use of Federal facilities pursuant to this contract for non-irrigation purposes is subject to Reclamation law, as amended and supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Reclamation law.
- (b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this contract that are consistent with the expressed and implied provisions of this contract, the laws of the United States and the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Agency.
- (c) Where the terms of this contract provide for actions to be based upon the opinion or determination of either party to this contract, said terms will not be construed as

permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other provisions of this contract, expressly reserve the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment, including monetary damages, for any such arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be provided in a timely manner.

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- (d) There may occur at times, during any Year, a shortage in the quantity of water available for furnishing to the Agency for distribution to Participating Agencies. If there is a reduction in the Project Water available to the Agency during any Year because of errors in physical operations of the Project, drought, other physical causes beyond the control of the Contracting Officer, or actions taken by the Contracting Officer to meet legal obligations, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom, so long as actions based upon the opinions or determinations of the Contracting Officer are consistent with the standards in this Article 23.
- (e) No liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising from the filing or the pursuit of the petition that the Contracting Officer has filed with the SWRCB, as referred to in Article 3(c), to amend the Solano Project water rights to address the Project's obligation to release water into Putah Creek for public trust resources; Provided, Such petition is reasonable in light of the respective obligations of the parties pursuant to this contract and is consistent with Articles 23(b) and (c), above.
- (f) The Contracting Officer shall use all reasonable means to guard against a condition of shortage in the quantity of water to be made available to the Agency in any Year pursuant to this contract.

CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

24. (a) The Agency shall be subject to interest, administrative, and penalty charges on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the due date, the Agency shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. When a payment becomes 60 days delinquent, the Agency shall pay an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and processing the delinquent payment. When a payment is delinquent 90 days or more, the Agency shall pay an additional penalty charge of 6 percent per

year for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. Further, the Agency shall pay any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.

- (b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the interest rate of 0.5 percent per month prescribed by Section 6 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.
- (c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third to the accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- 25. During the performance of this contract, the Agency agrees as follows:
- (1) The Agency will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Agency will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of payment or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Agency agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The Agency will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Agency, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (3) The Agency will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the said labor union or workers' representative of the Agency's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) The Agency will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) The Agency will furnish all information and reports required by said amended Executive Order and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Contracting Officer and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

- (6) In the event of the Agency's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Agency may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in said amended Executive Order, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in said Executive Order, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (7) The Agency will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of said amended Executive Order, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Agency will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event the Agency becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Agency may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

GENERAL OBLIGATION-BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT

- 26. (a) The obligation of the Agency to pay the United States as provided in this contract is a general obligation of the Agency notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation may be distributed among the Agency's water users and notwithstanding the default of individual water users in their obligations to the Agency.
- (b) The payment of charges becoming due hereunder is a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this contract. The United States shall not make water available to the Agency through project facilities during any period in which the Agency may be in arrears in the advance payment of water rates due the United States. The Agency shall not furnish water made available pursuant to this contract for lands or parties, which are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates levied or established by the Agency.

COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- 27. (a) The Agency shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 (P.L. 93-112, as amended), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101, et seq.) and any other applicable civil rights laws, as well as with their respective implementing regulations and guidelines imposed by the U.S. Department of the Interior and/or Bureau of Reclamation.
- (b) These statutes require that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation. By executing this contract, the Agency agrees to immediately take any measures necessary to implement this obligation, including permitting officials of the United States to inspect premises, programs, and documents.
- (c) The Agency makes this agreement in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Agency by the Bureau of Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Agency recognizes and agrees that such Federal assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this Article, and that the United States reserves the right to seek judicial enforcement thereof.

PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE

- 28. (a) The Agency shall comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) (the Act) and the Department of the Interior rules and regulations under the Act (43 CFR 2.45 et seq.) in maintaining landholder acreage certification and reporting records, required to be submitted to the Agency for compliance with Sections 206 and 228 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1266), and pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18.
- (b) With respect to the application and administration of the criminal penalty provisions of the Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)), the Agency and the Agency's employees responsible for maintaining the certification and reporting records referenced in (a) above are considered to be employees of the Department of the Interior. See 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
- (c) The Contracting Officer or a designated representative shall provide the Agency with current copies of the Interior Department Privacy Act regulations and the Bureau of Reclamation Federal Register Privacy Act System of Records Notice (Acreage Limitation-Interior, Reclamation-31) which govern the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of information contained in the landholder's certification and reporting records.

(d) The Contracting Officer shall designate a full-time employee of the Bureau of Reclamation to be the System Manager who shall be responsible for making decisions on denials pursuant to 43 CFR 2.61 and 2.64 amendment requests pursuant to 43 CFR 2.72. The Agency is authorized to grant requests by individuals for access to their own records.

(e) The Agency shall forward promptly to the System Manager each proposed denial of access under 43 CFR 2.64; and each request for amendment of records filed under 43 CFR 2.71; notify the requester accordingly of such referral; and provide the System Manager with information and records necessary to prepare an appropriate response to the requester. These requirements do not apply to individuals seeking access to their own certification and reporting forms filed with the Agency pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18, unless the requester elects to cite the Privacy Act as a basis for the request.

CONTINGENT ON APPORTIONMENT OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

29. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the United States under this contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds. Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Agency from any obligations under this contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated or allotted.

BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS

- 30. (a) The Agency shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this contract, including: the Agency's financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way agreements; the water users' land-use (crop census), landownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this contract shall have the right during office hours to examine and make copies of the other party's books and records relating to matters covered by this contract.
- (b) Notwithstanding Article 30(a) above, the Agency may meet its obligation as set forth in Article 30(a) above through delegation to any Participating Agency.

ASSIGNMENT LIMITED--SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED

31. (a) The provisions of this contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this contract or any right or interest therein shall be valid until approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(b) Unless directed by law to the contrary, no assignment or transfer of this contract or any right or interest therein by the Contracting Officer shall be valid until approved in writing by the Agency.

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OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

32. No Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner, or official of the Agency shall benefit from this contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same manner as other water users or landowners.

CHANGES IN AGENCY'S ORGANIZATION

33. While this contract is in effect, no change may be made in the Agency's boundaries, by inclusion or exclusion of lands, dissolution, consolidation, merger or otherwise, except upon the Contracting Officer's written consent.

CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACT

34. The Agency, after the execution of this contract, shall promptly seek to secure a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of California, confirming the execution of this contract. The Agency shall furnish the United States a certified copy of the final decree, the validation proceedings, and all pertinent supporting records of the court approving and confirming this contract, and decreeing and adjudging it to be lawful, valid, and binding on the Agency. This contract shall not be binding on the United States until such final decree has been secured.

NOTICES

35. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this contract shall be deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Agency, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Area Manager, Central California Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, California 95630-1799, on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Manager, Solano County Water Agency, 508 Elmira Road, Vacaville, California 95687. The designation of the addressee or the address may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided in this Article for other notices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract as of the day and year first above written. 2 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 3 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY 6 Regional Director, Mid Pacific Region Bureau of Reclamation SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY (SEAL) Title: Chair man 11 12 Attest: 13 Secretary 14

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Contract Service Areas

Solano County Water Agency Contract Service Area

