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Re: Chino Basin Recharge Master Plan Update, Section 5

Dear Mr. Jacobs,

Thank you for your June 5, 2013 letter, containing comments on the Chino Basin Recharge Master Plan Update, Section 5 on behalf of the City of Fontana ("Fontana"). In the view of Watermaster staff, Section 5 is intended to encompass Watermaster's compliance with the Watermaster Court's order that Watermaster develop monitoring, reporting and accounting practices necessary to estimate local project stormwater recharge and new yield. Section 5, entitled "Monitoring, Reporting, and Accounting Practices to Estimate Long-Term Average Annual Net New Stormwater Recharge", Draft No. 3 of which was attached to your letter and discussed at the June 6, 2013 meeting of the 2013 Amendment to 2010 Recharge Master Plan Update Steering Committee, includes three alternatives for the estimation of stormwater recharge. Your letter indicated Fontana's preference for Alternative 3, which has also been the consensus of the Steering Committee.

While Section 5 is intended to describe the selected methodology for estimating stormwater recharge, it is not intended to do anything more than that. Specifically, in the view of Watermaster staff, it is not intended to – and does not – characterize any provision of the Peace Agreements or any related, supplemental orders regarding the classification or allocation of recharged stormwater. References to the Peace Agreement in Section 5 are included as background information related to the task of determining the methodology for the estimation of recharge, but in no way is Section 5 intended to interpret, modify or apply the cited documents. For this reason, Watermaster staff does not view Section 5 as having the effects described in your letter and, accordingly does not believe the section requires redrafting.

I hope this letter is responsive to your concerns, and Watermaster staff would be happy to meet with you to further discuss any remaining concerns you may have.

Best regards,

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