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November 7, 2025

Ms. Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Submitted via electronic mail to LSJR-SD-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov

Re: Comment Letter – Draft TVA Scientific Basis Report (SBR)

Dear Ms. Tyler:

My name is Sean Charpentier. I serve as the Executive Director of the City/County Association of Governments for San Mateo County (C/CAG). C/CAG represents all 764,442 residents through its 21-member Board of Directors, which includes a representative from every jurisdiction in the county. C/CAG deals with issues that affect quality of life; including transportation, air quality, climate resiliency, stormwater runoff, hazardous waste, and water conservation.

While significant progress has been made in reducing per capita water demand in the County, all 21 jurisdictions in the County continue to rely on water from the SFPUC system. Having reliable access to high-quality water at a fair price is also of great importance to County residents. As detailed in Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) developed by our member Cities and water agencies, there could be potential water supply cutbacks of up to 50% during some drought conditions. Reductions of this scale would pose significant fiscal costs and other hardships on our residents, businesses, and jurisdictions. Water reductions of this magnitude could create significant headwinds against the progress we are making on planning for the 45,000 new housing units in our current RHNA cycle.

I would like to express my appreciation for the work of the State Board for the preparation of the Scientific Basis Report (SBR), and for continuing to work on the Tuolumne River's Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Proposal (Tuolumne HRL Proposal). An agreement among effected parties that accomplishes our shared conservation and water supply goals would be preferable to costly, time-consuming, and unpredictable litigation. I would also like to express my appreciation for the many other stakeholders who are engaged in this process. Through this scientific analysis and robust dialogue we will find solutions that advance our goals of conservation and reliable water supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at: scharpentier@smcgov.org.

Best Regards,



Sean Charpentier
Executive Director
City/County Association of Governments for San Mateo County (C/CAG)