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May 25, 2021

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
Attention: Mr. Erik Ekdahl, Deputy Director  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

**Re: Opposition to Shandon-San Juan Water District's Applications to Appropriate Water A033189 and A033190**

Dear Mr. Ekdahl,

On behalf of the County of Monterey and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("MCWRA"), I am submitting this letter of opposition to the two applications to appropriate water submitted to your agency by Shandon-San Juan Water District ("Shandon"). Monterey County and MCWRA have serious concerns with the two applications, do not believe Shandon will be able to adequately address the applications' deficiencies, and respectively request that these applications be rejected. Importantly, MCWRA owns and operates Nacimiento Reservoir and does not consent to Shandon's proposed use of Nacimiento Reservoir. Also, MCWRA fully utilizes its water rights (License 7543 and Permit 21089) for Nacimiento Reservoir and intends to continue this use. Lastly, portions of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin are in critical overdraft and increased diversions on the Nacimiento and Salinas Rivers impact senior water right holders and riparian users.

Sincerely,

Chair Wendy Root Askew  
Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey  
Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources  
Agency

Cc: Erica Rhyne-Christensen, SWRCB  
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