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California Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation,
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RE: CORRECTION TO CEQANET REGARDING NOTICE OF EXEMPTION SCH. NO. 2019018243, PROJECT TITLE: "WESTSIDE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY LLC'S (WMWC) MULTIYEAR BANKING AND TRANSFER PROGRAM (PROJECT)"

To Whom It May Concern,

Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District ("WRMWSD") was recently made aware of an error on the CEQAnet database regarding a Notice of Exemption ("NOE") filed in 2019, State Clearing House ("SCH") number 2019018243.

Lorelei Oviatt with the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources office is incorrectly listed as the primary point of contact for the project's Lead Agency. **This listing is in error and should be corrected immediately.** As evidenced in the attached NOE, which was submitted to the California Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, formerly known as the Department of Planning and Research ("OPR"), and received back via United States Postal Service, no Kern County personnel are referenced or should be listed as Lead Agency contact.

WRMWSD staff respectfully requests that the point of contact name be changed to Sheridan Nicholas, Engineer-Manager of the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District. All other contact information (address and phone number) is correct and should remain as shown on the website (https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019018243).

Please feel welcome to contact me should you have any questions.

Regards,

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