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SENT VIA EMAIL

October 4, 2019

Mr. Hicham Eltal  
Deputy General Manager, Water Supply/Rights  
Merced Irrigation District  
744 W 20th Street  
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Subject: 2018 Merced IRWM Plan Draft Review

Dear Mr. Eltal:

Attached please find the Department of Water Resources (DWR) draft review of the 2018 Merced Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan Update (Merced Plan). DWR has determined that the Merced Plan is consistent with the IRWM Planning Act and the related IRWM Plan Standards contained in the 2016 IRWM Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines).

Pursuant to Volume 2, Section IV of the Guidelines, a public comment period of 30 days is required for this review. We are requesting a link to the DWR-reviewed version of the Merced Plan on your website in order for the public to access the plan during the 30-day public review period.

Please send the link to Ted Daum at [Ted.Daum@water.ca.gov](mailto:Ted.Daum@water.ca.gov) and DWR will finalize the draft review and commence the public review period. We will notify you when the public review period has closed, and whether or not any comments were received.

If you have any questions, please contact Ted Daum at (916) 651-9264 or [Ted.Daum@water.ca.gov](mailto:Ted.Daum@water.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carmel Brown".

Carmel Brown, P.E. Chief  
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