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In Reply to:

Public Draft City of Salinas Carr Lake BSLT IS/MSD

Response to: Thomas Wiles, Senior Planner

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City of Salinas

65 West Alisal Street Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Mr. Wiles:

PUBLIC DRAFT, CITY OF SALINAS Carr Lake BSLT IS/MSD

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) has received the public draft of the above document. The purpose of this letter is to request the termination of related MCWRA easements and maintenance responsibility in the project area. To advise on this matter, the MCWRA has prepared the following comments:

REQUEST FOR QUIT CLAIM: HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

The Carr Lake Big Sur Land Trust proposal will result in zoning to allow establish and construct a new Park and Recreational use located on 73 acres at 618 Sherwood Drive in the Agricultural – Flood Overlay (A-F) Zoning District.

MCWRA Reclamation Ditch flowage easements:

• The project area lies entirely within the MCWRA's Zone 9, Benefit Assessment Zone for the Reclamation Ditch. The MCWRA operates and maintains most portions of the Reclamation Ditch system, including tributaries, and five pump stations. The Reclamation Ditch conveys storm water and provides critical flood protection for unincorporated Monterey County and the City of Salinas. Our research indicates the existing MCWRA flowage easements in this area will be realigned. The MCWRA is requesting the BSLT process and support a quit claim to remove any respective flowage easement(s) in the project area (see attached map).

The MCWRA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Carr Lake BSLT IS/MND. If you have any questions, please contact me at bodensteinerjm@co.monterey.ca.us or (831) 755-4970.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Jennifer Bodensteiner, Associate Hydrologist Operations and Maintenance Division

Cc: Big Sur Land Trust, via email

