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## RE: Southern Delivery System Supplemental Information Report

Dear Ms. Lamb:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Information Report (SIR) for the Southern Delivery System (SDS). As one of the four Project Participants, Security Water District actively supports the work of the Bureau of Reclamation to publish the Supplemental Information Report for the SDS environmental impact statement. Security Water District supports the changes made to the Participants' Proposed Action. The changes to the Participants Proposed Action will provide more environmental protection and will continue to allow the District to provide safe and adequate water supplies to its customers.

As stated before, Security Water District's constant goal is to provide our customers with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and the State Demographer estimates our population will increase. The population served by Security is expected to grow from a current population of 18,000 to about 26,900 by 2020.

The Security Water District's water comes from two aquifers and the Fryingpan-Arkansas project (Fry-Ark). Of the total water supply, 69 percent comes from wells in the Widefield Aquifer and 7 percent from the Windmill Gulch Aquifer. The remaining 24 percent is treated surface water from the Fry-Ark project. In 1987, the Widefield Aquifer was contaminated with a compound used as a degreaser. The contamination highlighted one of the risks associated with Security's reliance on a shallow aquifer for more than half of its water supply. The reliance on two delivery systems for most of Security Water District's water supply poses an unacceptable risk. Security Water District needs another major delivery system to provide delivery system redundancy.

The analysis conducted in the SIR used a different methodology than the studies of the draft environmental impact statement but still confirms the findings from the draft environmental impact statement. The SIR provides additional proof that indeed, the SDS project will not harm the aquatic and wildlife habitat, water quality, or the socioeconomics of the region. Therefore, the Bureau of Reclamation should move forward quickly with finalizing the environmental impact statement. We need to ensure sustainability of adequate water supplies for our community. Without SDS, we will have to implement

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one of three other, more environmentally impactful actions, all of which are less desirable than the Participants' Proposed Action.

Thank you,



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