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Re: Hays/Russell/R9 Ranch Change Applications

Dear David,

This will confirm the Cities intent to amend the R9 Ranch Change Applications filed on June 26, 2016, and amended in November of 2016. Since then, we have worked through a number of unique and thorny issues that arise because these Applications are just one step in a larger Water Transfer project. The Cities appreciate the cooperative approach you and your staff have taken.

While the Master Order is still a working draft there has been give and take on both sides resulting in a carefully balanced and interrelated set of terms and conditions. The Cities believe that the current version of the Draft Master Order, taken as a whole, is reasonable and will provide them with a reliable source of high-quality water that will serve their needs for many years without adversely affecting our neighbors in Edwards County and the surrounding areas.

The Cities have agreed to reduce the quantities that were originally requested and will continue to work with you and your staff to resolve any issues or concerns that arise during the review by GMD5 and the public.

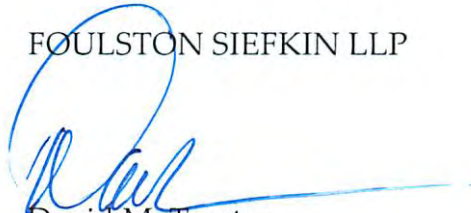
When we have a final version of the Master Order, the Cities will amend the Change Applications as appropriate. We are maintaining an ongoing list of minor

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changes that need to be made to individual Change Applications and there are a few changes that need to be made to all of them.

Very truly yours,

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