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Joseph Yun, Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr. Yun:

In September 2016, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) was authorized to use the Design-Build contract delivery method for projects constructed at the Salton Sea in accordance with Public Contract Code (PCC) Article 6 State Agency Design-Build Projects [10187-10196].

Pursuant to PCC 10190(b), for purposes of projects at the Salton Sea, the Director of Water Resources shall notify the California Water Commission regarding the method to be used for selecting the design-build entity, prior to advertising the design-build project.

For reference, a copy of the notification letter DWR provided the California Water Commission on June 19, 2017 for the New River West (NRW) Design-Build Project is attached.

While the NRW has not been constructed, the NRW project is being incorporated into a larger-scale Design-Build best value contract for design and construction of facilities for the Species Conservation Habitat Project (SCHP) that would also encompass the same area proposed as part of the NRW.

The SCHP area encompasses 3,770 acres of land and exposed lake bed at the mouth of New River at the southwest end of the Salton Sea. The SCHP includes construction of water management ponds, berms, pipelines, river crossing, and mixing basins that impound and blend saline sea water with fresh New River water to achieve a target salinity of 20-40 parts per thousand to provide habitat for fish eating birds. DWR desires to utilize the best value method of contract procurement on this project to achieve several important benefits including faster delivery, transfer of risk, cost certainty, and design innovation through competition.

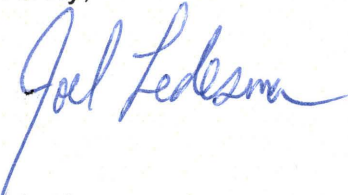
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A Request for Qualifications for this project was advertised on December 14, 2018.

If you would like additional information, please contact Banafsheh Behnam by telephone at (916) 651-9546 or by e-mail at [Banafsheh.Behnam@water.ca.gov](mailto:Banafsheh.Behnam@water.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Ledesma". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Joel Ledesma  
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Attachment

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