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Kamala D. Harris
California Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
1300 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2919

Re: Request for Investigation – Request Made By the California State Water Resources Control Board for a Background Check on Russell Kagehiro

Dear Attorney General:

This firm serves as General Counsel for the Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID). We have recently received information that someone at the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) requested the Department of Justice perform a criminal background check on BBID's Board President, Russell Kagehiro. We believe that the request is improper, and we ask that you investigate the incident. We also request that you investigate whether similar requests were made by the SWRCB regarding BBID's other elected directors and its General Manager:

- Timothy Maggiore
- Jeff Brown
- Larry Enos, Jr.
- Mark Maggiore
- Felix Musco
- Charles Tusso
- Rick Gilmore

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this request.

Best regards,



Michael E. Vergara

cc: Rick Gilmore
Daniel Kelly