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**COUNTY OF INYO
WATER DEPARTMENT**

July 27, 2017

Mr. Chris Ellis, Site Manager
Coso Operating Company, LLC
P.O. Box 1690
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Subject: Conditional Use Permit #2007-03/Coso – extension of pumping based on update and recalibration of groundwater model

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Pursuant to Conditional Use Permit #2007-03/Coso and the associated Hydrologic Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (HMMP), Coso Operating Company's (COC) groundwater pumping rate and duration are subject to restrictions based on ongoing analysis of monitoring data. The Water Department's consultant Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A) has completed an assessment of the current state of the Rose Valley groundwater system with respect to groundwater pumping pursuant to the Conditional Use Permit. DBS&A recently completed a reevaluation of allowable pumping rates and duration based on recalibration of the model, updating the estimated groundwater recharge to include the recent drought and water spreading, and updating the model to reflect recent pumping activities.

Based on the above, the Water Department approves continuation of pumping not to exceed 1,611 acre-feet during the period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, and an additional amount not to exceed 1,611 acre-feet for the period June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019.

This approval does not diminish the discretion afforded to the Water Department under Conditional Use Permit #2007-03 to further enforce or modify mitigation measures to protect the citizens, economy, and environment of the County.

Please feel free to contact me at (760) 878-0001 or bharrington@inyocounty.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Harrington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R".

Robert Harrington, Water Director

cc: Inyo County Board of Supervisors
Inyo County Water Commission
Kevin Carunchio, County CAO
Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel
Cathreen Richards, Planning Director
Neil Blanford, Daniel B. Stephens & Assoc.
Keith Rainville, Inyo County Water Department
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