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Date: July 8, 2021
To: Stephanie White, State Water Resources Control Board
From: Adrian Combes, South Tahoe PUD
Re: Service Saddle AIS Waiver Request – Rocky 1 Waterline Project

South Tahoe Public Utility District is in the construction phase of the Rocky 1 Waterline Project which is being funded by a State Water Resources Control Board State Revolving Fund Loan and requires AIS certification for products using Iron and Steel. Our general contractor, Haen Constructors is having issues with obtaining 8"x.75" Service Saddles with AIS Certifications which are used to connect water service lines to the water main. We have 35 of these saddles that are needed for the project [REDACTED]. This is not typically an issue, however due to the current steel shortage the delay in obtaining these saddles is threatening our ability to complete the project this construction year. In Lake Tahoe, we are only allowed to excavate between May 1st and Oct 15th due to the climate and environmental regulations.

The submittal for the AIS saddles were approved and subsequently ordered on 5/5/2021 [REDACTED]. The delivery date has been pushed back multiple times and after receiving the saddles, one size was not with the shipment and is on back order. We were slated to receive them at the end of this week 7-9-2021; however the ETA was just pushed back to the end of the month. The lead time from other manufacturers is approximately 12 weeks.

We have found some different size saddles that are available immediately that can be utilized with an extra reducing fitting; however they are not AIS Compliant but rather Buy American compliant. We are requesting a waiver to utilize these service saddles in order to keep our project on track for construction this year. I have attached a letter from our contractor, a spec sheet on the saddles we are proposing to use and a Buy American certification. If you have any questions or would like to discuss, [REDACTED]. Thank you for your consideration with this request.

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