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Subj.: Submission of Catron County Commission's Tier 2: Modified San Francisco Watershed Restoration Project Proposal.

Dear Craig:

The Catron County Commission appreciates the opportunity to modify our *San Francisco Watershed Restoration Proposal – Tier 2 Criteria for Water Utilization Alternative*, pursuant to ISC's letter, titled *One Time Opportunity to Amend AWSA Proposals* (dated January 18, 2013).

The Catron County Commission has modified its original proposal due to the Whitewater Baldy Complex catastrophic wildfire in the watersheds identified in the first proposal and adjacent watersheds that are now exposed to destructive flooding. The Catron County Commission has also modified its proposal because of the emergency/disasters declared by the Governor of New Mexico and by Catron County Commission, addressing the associated flood damage potential to the lower watershed irrigation systems. The major change to the original watershed uplands proposal is the addition of lowland irrigation projects in order to protect and improve the infrastructure per the emergency/disaster declarations; and, in order to enhance our original proposal in better meeting AWSA evaluation criteria.

The Catron County Commission requests ISC to review our justification for modifying our original proposal, as explained in Attachment 1: *Purpose and Need for Modification of Catron County's Tier Two Proposal*.

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