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Dear Mr. Byler and Committee Members

Modoc Point Irrigation District needs livestock watering delivered in our ditches. We are located in Northern Klamath County, above the Klamath Lake. We were notified that the Klamath Tribes have once again made a call on all our irrigation water and to not expect irrigation deliveries for the entire summer. Because Gov. Brown has declared us in a drought, we are exercising our emergency right to this livestock drinking water. Last year we didn't get the livestock water and our irrigation district only got to irrigate part of June and part of July. The inability to get livestock drinking water caused a lot of hardship on our members.

MPID is a small district, just over 4000 acres with around 68 members to date. There are many pastures where drinking water is not available for cattle/sheep to water from. We fully understand that the drinking water is strictly that, not for irrigation. We have a full time ditch rider that would make sure the water is only being accessed for drinking water for the animals and not spread on anybody's land.

I did a quick tally of our members and have come up with how many beef cattle we run. My informal poll came out with 3865 head of cattle (calves are not counted) for this District and 600 sheep in the District as well. Again this was an informal poll if we did a formal poll of every landowner those numbers would increase. Again we are a small district with small time ranchers, no huge numbers here. The members do rely on their stock and the water as income and need it desperately.

I look forward to hearing from you in a positive way if you need any more information please contact me so that I can provide what you need. Again, thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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