

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

In the Matter of Application 24988)

SAN LORENZO VALLEY COUNTY WATER  
DISTRICT

Applicant

ORDER: 81-5

SOURCE: San Lorenzo River

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

ORDER GRANTING AN EXTENSION  
OF TIME TO COMPLETE AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

BY THE BOARD:

The San Lorenzo Valley County Water District (District) having filed Application 24988 to appropriate unappropriated water; notice of the application having been issued and protests received; District not yet having prepared the required environmental document; and the source stream, the San Lorenzo River, having been designated by the Board for investigation in the Instream Beneficial Use Protection Program; the District having requested additional time to decide whether to proceed with the application; the Board, having considered all the evidence, finds as follows:

Substance of the Application:

1. On January 30, 1976, the District filed Application 24988 to appropriate to storage 7,700 acre-feet of water per annum for irrigation, recreation and municipal uses. The District proposes to construct a 7,700 acre-foot reservoir, called Waterman Gap Reservoir, on the San Lorenzo River near the community of Waterman Gap.

2. Notice of the application was issued on February 25, 1977, and numerous protests were filed.

3. Before a hearing could be held the District, as lead agency, was asked to prepare an environmental document. The District did not prepare a document because it was developing a master water plan and was uncertain whether to pursue the project.

4. The Board, on March 19, 1981, adopted a resolution listing four streams to be investigated under the Instream Beneficial Use Protection Project. The Upper San Lorenzo River, on which the District's reservoir is planned, was included. The results of this investigation and adoption by the Board of an instream use program may provide information which will be of importance in the consideration of environmental impacts.

5. The Instream Beneficial Use investigation will require until about the end of 1982 to complete. The District should be granted a reasonable period of time after completion of this investigation to prepare the environmental document for Application 24988.

ORDER

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

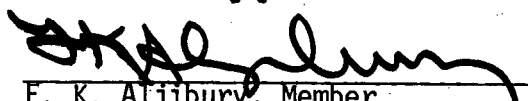
1. Time to complete an environmental document for the project described in Application 24988 and meeting the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act is extended to January 1, 1984.

Dated: June 18, 1981

  
Carla M. Bard, Chairwoman

  
L. L. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman

  
Jim B. Dunlap, Member

  
F. K. Aljibury, Member