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Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
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Re: West Side Irrigation District
License 1381 (Application 301),
Your file: 342:RJM:301

Gentlemen:

On October 8, 1986, your Mr. R.J. Miner wrote concerning two aspects of this district's license to divert water from the San Joaquin Delta.

One aspect involves the need to petition for a change of use. Our engineer is currently working on the required petition and you will hear from us shortly concerning that matter.

The purpose of this letter is to discuss that part of your communication wherein you say the district has exceeded the amount of its license during five months of the three-year 1981-83 reporting period.

The district does not directly measure the water pumped from the Old River into our system. Instead we calculate total monthly sales of water, subtract the amount purchased that month from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and report the remainder as pumped water. But not all our pumps draft from Old River. The district also operates a well with a 100 H.P. pump discharging into our upper main canal and a well with a 125 H.P. pump furnishing water to our lower main canal.

In addition our main intake pumps draft water from sources other than Old River. The district's drainage system discharges into our intake canal about 350 yards up-stream from the pumping plant, a point which is approximately 0.8 of a canal mile away from Old River. This drain carries not only the tail water generated by irrigation within district boundaries but also drain water from neighboring districts such as Byron-Bethany I.D., Plainview W.D. and Banta Carbona I.D. which are upslope from our service area. In addition our system carries cooling water from the Heinz cannery and flows from both the Tracy Defense Depot and a portion of the City of Tracy's storm water drainage. Some of the city's system is encased in gravel and acts in a fashion similar to a sub-surface agricultural drain in areas of the flows year round rather than during storms only.

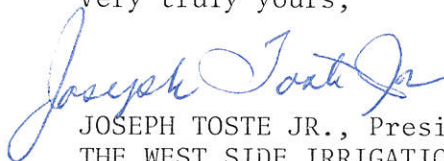
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The district re-uses this drain water rather than returning it to the river and we therefore feel it should not be counted as part of any diversions under our license. It constitutes a separate source of water just as much as the water we pump from our wells or purchase from the Bureau of Reclamation.

In view of the foregoing we do not believe we have diverted water from Old River in excess of the amounts authorized by our license.

If you have any questions please contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph Toste Jr." in a cursive script.

JOSEPH TOSTE JR., President
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