

# CONTACT REPORT

**Subject:** A301

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

**Division**

**Personnel** Katherine Mrowka

**Date** 4-28-04

**Time**

**Personal**  **Where**

**Telephone**  **Number**

**Individual(s)/Agency Contacted** Jeanne Zolezzi, and Gene Carson with West Side Irrigation District

**Conversation Description:** Jeanne Zolezzi, Gene Carson, Mark Stretars and I met regarding the license compliance by West Side Irrigation District and petition issues. I advised the District that the petition notice would be issued within the week. I explained that I would not be asking my staff to prepare a Notice of Determination for the Negative Declaration for the Change Petition because the Negative Declaration states that it does not consider the potential impacts of adding municipal and industrial uses (the petition action) to the license because such actions are speculative. Ms. Zolezzi informed me that there is no way that the District knows where the municipal use would occur, and it is speculative. I advised her that, since the District specifies that the use will occur within its boundaries in the petition, she does know where it will occur. It is likely to occur in the City of Tracy. She said this is uncertain. The water could be marketed to another district south of the Delta. She advised me that the Negative Declaration did not have to consider this issue. We discussed the potential for increased water use pursuant to the petition. I explained that the District's use has been significantly below the annual quantity authorized under the permit due to reduction in net irrigated acreage. Adding a new use (municipal) and enlarging the service area again to the original District boundaries may result in increased diversion. This was not analyzed in the Negative Declaration, particularly as it affects public trust resources in Old River. She stated that there will be no increase in water use as a result of the petition.

On the compliance issue, the District used to use recycled water (in addition to the license water) from

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Canneries. Those contracts are gone now. Per Zolezzi, the District has been in compliance with its Diversion limits the last 5 years. Due to the reduction in irrigation acreage, the license is now just about sufficient to serve the 7,000 acres. Previously, there was insufficient water in the license alone to serve the original District place of use. Reclamation requires that the District have a water conservation plan in place. Per Mr. Carson, the District is now using 3 af/acre on average.

I advised the District that the notice of petition will be issued shortly, and we would find out then what issues are raised regarding the petition.

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**Decision(s)**

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**Action Items**

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