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U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
c/o Mr. Roger Patterson  
2800 Cottage Way, MP 710  
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Dear Mr. Patterson:

DISPOSITION OF 1983 PETITION FOR A CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE FOR PERMITS 11308 AND 11310 (APPLICATIONS 11331 AND 11332), FOR THE CACHUMA PROJECT IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Staff from the Division of Water Rights recently received a call from Mr. Kevin Neese of the law firm Hatch and Parent. Mr. Neese represents the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District. Mr. Neese inquired if the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) needed a change order to expand the authorized place of use under Permits 11308 and 11310; especially since the Cachuma Project Member Units have increased their service areas substantially since the water rights for the project were initially issued in 1958.

Division staff presently working with the Cachuma Project water rights were not aware of the need for such a petition. Mr. Neese was informed that the Bureau typically files applications with large, general places of use so that future service additions do not require change petitions. However, Division staff did agree to look at the actual permits and the project maps to see how difficult an analysis would be regarding compliance with the authorized place of use.

Upon reviewing our map files, staff located a map entitled: "Proposed Amended Place of Use for Application 11331, Permit 11308 and Application 11332, Permit 11310; January 1984". This map is numbered: 368-208-827 and dated January 1984. Further research in our files indicates that the Bureau filed a petition for change under Permits 11308 and 11310 on August 17, 1983. This petition sought to increase the place of use under both permits from a gross area of 175,000 acres to a gross area of 296,697 acres as shown on Map 368-208-827. The petition also sought to add municipal and industrial uses and delete stockwatering as a use under Permit 11308 and to add domestic and salinity control uses under Permit 11310. The petition was originally advertised on December 2, 1983. Due to an inaccurate description in the notice, the petition was readvertised on January 12, 1984. Apparently, no protests were received. No further action was taken on the petition by either this office, the Bureau, or any interested parties.

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If the Bureau still wishes to pursue the petition, we will readvertise the petition as soon as possible. Please let us know if the original changes requested are still the ones the Bureau wishes to pursue. Any amendments to the change petition should be made prior to readvertisement to minimize the effort required by both the Bureau and Division staff.

Any protests which may be filed will need to be resolved before a change order can be issued. In addition, we will need to decide what type of environmental review document would be necessary for approval of a change order. Please let me know by April 1, 1995 if the Bureau still wishes to pursue the change petition. If the Bureau does not wish to pursue the change petition, let me know what actions will be taken to ensure that only land within the original 175,000-acre place of use is served and that project supplies are used only for the purposes originally authorized.

Also, if the Bureau wishes to pursue the proposed changes, shouldn't petitions for Permits 11311 (Application 11761 - Lauro Creek), 11312 (Application 11762 - Lauro Creek), and 11309 (Application 11989 - West Fork Glen Annie Creek) also be filed? The water diverted under these applications is apparently commingled with water imported from the Santa Ynez River. If change orders for these permits are not sought, please explain the rationale.

If there are any questions, Mr. Charles Rich, the staff person presently working on this matter, can be reached at (916) 657-1945.

Sincerely,



Edward C. Anton, Chief  
Division of Water Rights

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