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Mr. John T. Buse, Staff Attorney
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Subject: Bradbury Dam Seismic Corrective Action - Cachuma Project (your letter dated October 23, 1996)

Dear Mr. Buse:

Reclamation appreciates the concerns you have addressed in your subject letter. The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has recommended in their Steelhead and Restoration Plan for California, that, "The feasibility of providing adult and juvenile passage around Bradbury Dam should be investigated and implemented accordingly." Reclamation has enjoyed the cooperation of the DFG as a partner in the recent ongoing cooperative fishery study on the Santa Ynez River since 1993. We agree that fish passage should be investigated and would recommend that this investigation be incorporated in our present study of fisheries. At this time provisions for fish passage have not been identified and implementation would be beyond the authority of the present seismic corrective action.

Presently, we are planning for the Hilton Creek watering as a component of the fish rescue plan. CDF is reviewing the most current draft of the fish rescue plan. We are confident that CDF will respond on the fish rescue plan soon. Once we have their concurrence Reclamation will issue the supplemental NEPA document.

If you have any questions, please call me at (209) 487-5239 or for the hearing impaired (209) 487-5933.

Sincerely,

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