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Memorandum

Date September 14, 1994

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EXHIBIT CT15

From : Department of Fish and Game

Subject : Comments on Administrative Draft Environmental Impact
Statement/Environmental Impact Report, Cachuma Project
Contract Renewal.

The following comments from the Department of Fish and Game (Department) respond to the above document and your cover letter request of August 22, 1994:

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. If it is at all feasible to provide passage around Bradbury Dam, this is an alternative that the Department strongly supports. Only a fraction of the historic spawning tributaries are still accessible due to blockage by Bradbury and Gibraltar dams.
2. Stock transfers (either into or out of the Santa Ynez system), artificial production, and rearing as mitigation alternatives should be removed from further consideration. These are contrary to Fish and Game Commission and Department policy and are unlikely to be supported in their inclusion as viable alternatives in the final EIS/EIR.
3. We believe labor-intensive measures such as trapping and trucking fish at the lagoon will have little likelihood of success. The Department opposes further consideration of this alternative.
4. A Contract Renewal Alternative that should be evaluated under the Alternative 3 Major Category is to provide a cold water release from Cachuma to support mainstem spawning and rearing. This would be similar to Alternative 3A2, but would require greater releases and no flow reductions during spring to avoid stranding redds and fry. Also, spawning gravel augmentation and other measures may be necessary.
5. In general, the biological information relating to available wildlife habitat and related species appears correct. It was