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IN REPLY
REFER TO:
MP-440
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Ms. Song Her
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
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Subject: Comment Letter – March 22, 2006 Board Meeting – YCWA Change Petition

Dear Ms. Her:

The Bureau of Reclamation is in receipt of the February 23, 2006, draft order regarding Yuba County Water Agency's petition to change the effective date of the long-term instream flow requirements of Revised Decision 1644 (RD-1644).

The Yuba County Water Agency, petitioner, requests that the State Water Resources Control Board (Board), defer the effective date of the long-term instream flow requirements established in RD-1644 from April 21, 2006, to March 1, 2007. The petition states that the change is required in order to accomplish the proposed temporary water transfer implementing a Pilot Transfer Program in 2006 for the proposed Lower Yuba River Accord.

The draft order approving the Petitioner's request concludes that deferral of the long-term flow requirements established in RD-1644 until March 1, 2007, will not have an unreasonable effect on fish and wildlife, will not adversely affect other uses or users of water, and is in the public interest. Reclamation recommends that the Board adopt the draft order following its consideration at the March 22, 2006, board meeting.

Questions may be referred to Mr. Bob Colella, Water Rights Specialist, at 916-978-5256.

Sincerely,

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