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Newlands Project

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Lyman F. McConnell, Project Manager
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Re: Truckee Meadows Water-Right Transfers

Dear Mr. Turnipseed:

The District has in the past protested water-right transfers in the Truckee Meadows that have been filed to change an existing irrigation water-right to an M&I water-right. The District was concerned with maintaining return flows and that the transferred water remained subject to the Orr Ditch Decree which includes the Truckee River Agreement.

The State Engineer's office has taken the position that the full water-right can be transferred because return flows are maintained through the discharge of effluent into the Truckee River from the Reno/Sparks Wastewater Treatment Plant and that the water-right is always subject to the Orr Ditch Decree including the Truckee River Agreement.

The District would like to avoid having to file a protest on these applications. The District would like to reach a clear understanding and agreement with the State Engineer as to what conditions would be placed on the approval of future Truckee Meadows water-right transfers. The reason for the District's concerns are that the cities of Reno/Sparks are beginning the process of shifting some of their effluent to land application and some of the future transfers may result in less return flows. Also, Washoe County has constructed a wastewater treatment plant in the South Truckee Meadows and I understand the water does not return to the Truckee River. In addition, the Pyramid Lake Tribe is persistent in having the flow of discharged effluent discontinued requiring the sewage treatment plant to find an alternative point of discharge other than the Truckee River.

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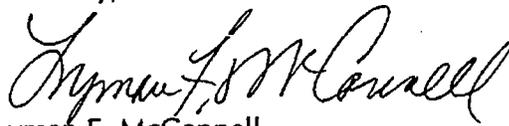
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Moreover, Sierra Pacific Power Company wants to store, upstream in the TROA, water that has been transferred to them for M&I use which is currently not being used and provide that stored water to Pyramid Lake. Our concern is that less return flows will result and will be adverse to the Newlands Project's water supply.

Please review my concerns and provide me with your response if you would. If you would like to meet to discuss this further, I would be glad to do so.

Sincerely,



Lyman F. McConnell
Project Manager

cc: Clare Mahannah, WRD