

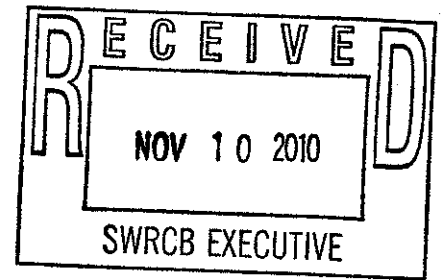
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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Comment Letter – Instream Flow Studies Report – Santa Ynez River -
Your Notice of November 2, 2010

Dear Ms. Townsend:

We represent and this letter is submitted on behalf of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (“District”). The District consists of and represents landowners and residents within most of the Santa Ynez River watershed downstream of Cachuma Reservoir.

For the sake of brevity, we join in and incorporate the comments of the Cachuma Conservation Release Board and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 (“Member Units”) submitted by Greg Wilkinson and the comments of the City of Lompoc (“Lompoc”) submitted by Sandra Dunn. We also note that the process that has been under way before the State Water Board for many years, as referenced in the Member Units and Lompoc’s letters, and as directed by your order WR 94-5, is consistent with Part IV of the information accompanying your notice in that it is being carried out in conjunction with an EIR, the Water Code and presumably the Administrative Procedures Act, among other requirements.

Accordingly, the State Water Board should complete the pending water rights process on the Santa Ynez River being carried out in accordance with its order and remove the Santa Ynez River from the schedule and cost estimate for the above-referenced Instream Flow Studies Report.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Ernest A. Conant

cc: Bruce Wales, Manager, SYRWCD
Greg Wilkinson
Sandra Dunn