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Subject: Disposition of 1983 Petition for Change for Permits 11308 and 11310 (Applications 11331 and 11332) for the Cachuma Project in Santa Barbara County

Dear Mr. Anton:

Thank you for your letter of April 20, 1995, granting Reclamation an extension of 30 to 45 working days in which to complete our analysis of the above referenced subject. By way of this letter, Reclamation responds to the two specific inquiries contained in your letter to us of February 28, 1995.

Your first question asked what action Reclamation wished to take regarding disposition of the Change Petition we submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) in August 1983 for Permits 11308 and 11310 (Applications 11331 and 11332, respectively) on the Santa Ynez River. Reclamation respectfully requests that the 1983 Change Petition be amended so that: (a) the new place of use includes not only all lands within the existing boundary but is enlarged to conform with the boundaries of the current contract service areas of the six Cachuma Member Units; and (b) Permits 11308 and 11310 have the same seven purposes of use.

Place of Use: The new place of use boundary being requested includes all lands within the existing boundary, as shown on sheets 1 and 2 of Map No. B-1P-21, on file with the Board, and is expanded to coincide with the present (i.e., June 1, 1995) service area boundaries of the six Cachuma Member Units that currently contract for water from the Cachuma Project. Such an adjustment will enlarge the total area within the place of use boundary to approximately 192,600 acres; an increase of some 17,600 acres, or only 14 percent of the acreage increase requested in the 1983 Change Petition. Some of the lands within both the existing and proposed place of use receive water from sources other than the Cachuma Project.

Reclamation has prepared a draft map showing the existing permitted place of use and the proposed expanded place of use for Permits 11308 and 11310. This draft map is now being verified by staff of the Cachuma Member Units. We anticipate having a final version of this map ready for filing with the Board by mid-July.

Purpose of Use: For this amended Change Petition, Reclamation requests the Board consider the changes shown in the table that follows. Such changes

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would result in Permits 11308 and 11310 having the same seven purposes of use, hence making them interchangeable:

<u>Permit 11308</u> <u>Present Purposes of Use</u>	<u>Permit 11310</u> <u>Present Purposes of Use</u>
Irrigation	Municipal
Domestic	Industrial
Salinity Control	Incidental Recreation
Incidental Recreation	
Stockwatering	<u>To be Added:</u>
<u>To be Added:</u>	Irrigation
Municipal	Domestic
Industrial	Salinity Control
	Stockwatering

The second inquiry in your February 28, 1995, letter pertained to the three other permits approved by the Board in Decision 886; i.e., Permit 11309 (Application 11989) for West Fork Glen Anne Creek, Permit 11311 (Application 11761) for Lauro Creek, and Permit 11312 (Application 11762) for Lauro Creek. You asked, if Reclamation should decide to pursue changes in Permits 11308 and 11310, whether these three other permits should be changed as well. Reclamation seeks no change orders for Permits 11309, 11311, and 11312. The rationale behind this decision rests on the fact that the places and purposes of use for these permits remain consistent with those originally designated.

Glen Anne: The Glen Anne Reservoir serves dual functions. First of all and as stated in Application 11989 (for Permit 11309), water from West Fork Glen Anne Creek may be: (a) directly diverted year-round, and (b) collected to storage in Glen Anne Reservoir from October 1 through June 30. This water may be used for irrigation and domestic purposes within the designated place of use shown on Map No. S-7131-C, on file with the Board.

Secondly, and also as stated in said application:

"Glen Anne Reservoir, with a year-round normal capacity of 500 acre-feet, is to be used in conjunction with the South Coast Conduit to provide regulatory and standby storage for a portion of the Goleta County Water District. In addition, the reservoir will provide capacity for the conservation of flows which are in excess of requirements in the South Coast Conduit downstream from Glen Anne turnout."

In its role as a regulating reservoir for the South Coast Conduit, water imported from Lake Cachuma is held in Glen Anne Reservoir, but such water is not "stored," as that term is defined by the Board. This Lake Cachuma water¹ is then used for the purposes of use and delivered to the place of use specified in Permits 11308 and 11310.

¹ As used in this letter, the term, Lake Cachuma water, means water from both Lake Cachuma as well as accretions from Tecolote Tunnel.

Lauro: Similar to Glen Anne, Lauro Reservoir also serves two functions. As stated in Applications 11761 and 11762 (for Permits 11311 and 11312, respectively), water from Lauro Creek may be: (a) directly diverted year-round, and (b) collected to storage in Lauro Reservoir from October 1 through June 30. This water may be used for irrigation and domestic purposes (per Permit 11311) and municipal and industrial purposes (per Permit 11312) within the designated place of use shown on Map No. S-7131-G.

Regarding the reservoir's second function, both Lauro applications state:

"Lauro Reservoir is to be used in conjunction with the South Coast Conduit to provide regulatory and standby storage primarily for the Goleta County Water District and the City of Santa Barbara. In addition, the reservoir will provide, under certain emergency conditions, a source of supply for the Carpinteria section of the Conduit which will serve the Montecito, Carpinteria, and Summerland County Water Districts."

As is the case with Glen Anne, water from Lake Cachuma is held in Lauro Reservoir but not "stored," as that term is defined by the Board. This Lake Cachuma water is used for the purposes of use and in the place of use specified under Permits 11308 and 11310.

Conclusion: After you have received the final map for this amended Change Petition, Reclamation and representatives of the Cachuma Member Units would like to meet with appropriate Board staff members as soon as possible so that we may answer any questions arising from this requested action. At this meeting, we would also like to discuss California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance. We believe the EIS/EIR currently being prepared for the renewal of the Cachuma Project master contract will be a valuable document in analyzing the environmental impact, if any, of this 1995 amended Change Petition.

If you should have questions regarding any of the topics discussed in this letter, please feel free to contact M.-L. Quinn of our water rights staff at (916) 979-2414. Reclamation looks forward to working with you and your staff ~~over the next several months~~ in completing the processing of this amended Change Petition.

Sincerely,
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