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RE: Hydrologic Analyses of Daily Flows for Use in Assessing Impacts on Rainbow Trout/ Steelhead

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This second technical memorandum includes DEIR hydrologic impact analyses for the seven alternatives identified for the Cachuma Water Rights EIR. Please see the previous draft technical memorandum (RE: Impacts of EIR Alternatives using the Santa Ynez River Hydrology Model, 12/22/2000, rev.12/22/2001) for a detailed discussion on how these alternatives were incorporated into the model and the results concerning Cachuma Reservoir operations, storage and elevations; Santa Ynez River flows and above Narrows groundwater storage; and water right releases and Cachuma Project deliveries. Included in this memorandum are the DEIR hydrologic impact analyses for:

- Effects on Spawning Habitat for Rainbow Trout/Steelhead
- Effects on Rearing Habitat for Rainbow Trout/Steelhead
- Effects on Passage for Rainbow Trout/Steelhead

The same procedures and tools as used in the Biological Assessment(BA) and Fish Management Plan (FMP) were used for these EIR analyses concerning Rainbow Trout/Steelhead. These analyses use the same results from the Santa Ynez River Hydrology Model (SYRHM) as presented in the first technical memorandum. However, monthly flows from the SYRHM were converted to daily flows based on daily variations of gaged flow in Salsipuedes Creek (1941-1993). Discussion of these hydrologic impacts analyzed in this memo will be developed in coordination with ENTRIX.

## 2. EFFECTS ON SPAWNING AND REARING HABITAT

Table 1 shows the exceedance flows for various alternatives and for various seasons within the year. The daily exceedance flows in Table 1 generally match the monthly flow exceedances presented in Figures 7A, 7B, and 7C of the first memorandum (12/22/2000).

During the spawning period of the Rainbow Trout/Steelhead, extending from January through April, flows in the Santa Ynez River from Bradbury Dam to Highway 154 would increase under Alternatives 3A-C and 4A-B roughly by 4 cfs and 2 cfs, compared with Alternatives 1 and 2, respectively.

During the remaining period (May-December) when the fish would be rearing, flows in the Santa Ynez River from Bradbury Dam to Highway 154 would also increase under Alternatives 3A-C and 4A-B roughly by 4 cfs and 2 cfs compared with Alternatives 1 and 2, respectively.

Table 2 shows the minimum flows by water year for each alternative. In the reach between Bradbury Dam and Highway 154 Bridge, Alternative 1 provides year-round flows in about 3 out of 52 years (6%). Alternatives 2, 3A-C and 4A-B maintain a higher minimum flow in the reach between Bradbury Dam and Highway 154 Bridge than Alternative 2 and provide year-round flows in 50 out of 52 years (96%).

# **3. EFFECTS ON PASSAGE**

Tables 3Aand 3B show the summary of passage days generated for each of the EIR alternatives. A passage day was defined when flows of the Santa Ynez River at Solvang were 25 cfs or greater during the period from January through April. In general, Table 3a shows that in wet years all of the EIR alternatives have many passage days; and in normal and dry years, Alternatives 3A-C and 4A-B have more passage days than Alternatives 1 and 2. The Biological Opinion (BO) states that Reclamation will have to come up with a strategy to reduce the potential enhancement of passage days in dry years and increase the enhancement of passage days in average and wet years, but that plan is currently not available.

# TABLE 1EXCEEDANCE FLOWS FOR EIR ALTERNATIVESUSING SANTA YNEZ RIVER HYDROLOGY MODEL AND DAILY FLOW ANALYSIS 1)

(all flows in cfs)

Exceedance Flows			I	Exceedan	ce Flows		Exceedance Flows				Exceedance Flows				Exceedance Flows				Exceedance Flows				
	80%	50%	20%		80%	50%	20%		80%	50%	20%		80%	50%	20%		80%	50%	20%		80%	50%	20%
Alt 1				Alt 2				Alt 3A				Alt 3B				Alt 3C				Alt 4A&B			
Bradbury	Dam to Higl	<u>1way 154</u>		Bradbury Dam to Highway 154				Bradbury D	am to High	Bradbury Dam to Highway 154				Bradbury D	am to High	154 nway 1	Bradbury Dam to Highway 154						
Jan-April	0.2	1.0	47.5	Jan-April	2.6	3.3	46.3	Jan-April	3.5	5.5	54.1	Jan-April	3.5	5.5	51.7	Jan-April	3.5	5.5	49.9	Jan-April	3.6	5.5	47.7
Jan-Mar	0.2	0.9	22.6	Jan-Mar	2.5	3.2	19.7	Jan-Mar	3.3	5.4	33.1	Jan-Mar	3.3	5.4	30.8	Jan-Mar	3.3	5.4	29.9	Jan-Mar	3.4	5.4	27.3
April-Jun	0.6	4.3	56.8	April-Jun	3.1	5.1	55.7	April-Jun	4.9	6.3	55.5	April-Jun	5.0	6.3	55.5	April-Jun	5.0	6.3	55.5	April-Jun	4.8	6.2	28.0
Jul-Sep	0.6	7.6	44.0	Jul-Sep	3.7	10.4	45.3	Jul-Sep	6.0	11.7	45.6	Jul-Sep	6.0	11.7	46.9	Jul-Sep	6.2	11.7	46.3	Jul-Sep	6.3	11.2	35.2
Oct-Dec	0.0	0.6	6.2	Oct-Dec	2.9	3.4	7.0	Oct-Dec	3.6	5.8	9.4	Oct-Dec	3.6	5.8	9.5	Oct-Dec	3.8	5.9	9.6	Oct-Dec	3.7	5.8	12.3
Highway	154 to Refug	gio Road		Highway 15	4 to Refue	<u>jio Road</u>		Highway 154 to Refugio Road				Highway 154 to Refugio Road				Highway 154 to Refugio Road				Highway 154 to Refugio Road			
Jan-April	0.0	0.9	54.0	Jan-April	2.0	2.5	50.7	Jan-April	2.7	5.0	61.6	Jan-April	2.7	5.0	59.6	Jan-April	2.7	5.0	59.3	Jan-April	2.8	5.0	54.2
Jan-Mar	0.0	0.8	29.2	Jan-Mar	2.0	2.5	26.7	Jan-Mar	2.7	5.0	40.2	Jan-Mar	2.7	5.0	36.5	Jan-Mar	2.7	5.0	35.9	Jan-Mar	2.8	5.0	32.1
April-Jun	0.1	3.9	51.9	April-Jun	2.5	4.8	52.5	April-Jun	4.9	5.0	52.8	April-Jun	4.9	5.0	52.8	April-Jun	4.9	5.0	52.8	April-Jun	4.9	5.0	24.7
Jul-Sep	0.1	7.2	40.7	Jul-Sep	2.5	9.5	42.6	Jul-Sep	4.9	10.1	40.8	Jul-Sep	4.9	10.1	42.7	Jul-Sep	4.9	10.1	42.9	Jul-Sep	4.9	9.8	30.6
Oct-Dec	0.0	0.1	5.4	Oct-Dec	1.5	2.5	5.5	Oct-Dec	2.4	4.9	9.3	Oct-Dec	2.4	4.9	8.4	Oct-Dec	2.5	4.9	8.5	Oct-Dec	2.5	4.9	11.2
Refugio F	oad to Alisa	l Bridge		Refugio Roa	ad to Alisa	l Bridge		Refugio Ro	ad to Alisa	l Bridge		Refugio Road to Alisal Bridge				Refugio Ro	ad to Alisa	I Bridge		Refugio Road to Alisal Bridge			
Jan-April	0.0	1.3	72.1	Jan-April	0.2	2.5	70.3	Jan-April	1.1	4.5	77.7	Jan-April	1.1	4.5	76.7	Jan-April	1.1	4.5	75.7	Jan-April	1.5	4.6	70.9
Jan-Mar	0.0	1.1	39.8	Jan-Mar	0.1	2.3	39.9	Jan-Mar	0.8	4.0	56.6	Jan-Mar	0.8	4.1	54.7	Jan-Mar	0.8	4.1	53.6	Jan-Mar	1.2	4.1	51.2
April-Jun	0.0	2.9	44.6	April-Jun	0.4	4.7	45.8	April-Jun	2.1	5.2	46.2	April-Jun	2.3	5.2	46.2	April-Jun	2.3	5.2	46.2	April-Jun	1.9	4.5	19.0
Jul-Sep	0.0	3.0	30.5	Jul-Sep	0.0	4.8	29.0	Jul-Sep	0.8	6.1	31.1	Jul-Sep	0.8	6.1	31.2	Jul-Sep	0.8	6.1	31.1	Jul-Sep	0.8	5.3	15.4
Oct-Dec	0.0	0.0	3.9	Oct-Dec	0.0	0.1	4.2	Oct-Dec	0.0	1.5	5.9	Oct-Dec	0.0	1.5	5.5	Oct-Dec	0.0	1.5	5.5	Oct-Dec	0.0	1.5	7.1

 Monthly flows from the Santa Ynez River Model were converted to daily flows based on daily variations of gaged flow in Salsipuedes Creek (1941-1993).

### TABLE 2 MINIMUM FLOW BY WATER YEAR FOR EIR ALTERNATIVES (CFS)

	ALT 1				ALT 2			ALT 3A			ALT 3B		ALT 3C		ALT 4A&B			
Water	Below		Alisal	Below		Alisal												
Year	Hilton Ck	154 Bridge	Bridge	Hilton Ck	154 Bridge	Bridge												
1942	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	2.5	0.5	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5
1943	0.5	0	0	3.5	2.5	0	6	5	1	6	5	1	6	5	1	6	5	1
1944	0.5	0	0	3	2.5	0	4.5	5	1.5	4.5	5	1.5	4.5	5	1.5	4.5	5	1.5
1945	0.5	0	0	2	2.5	0	3	5	1.5	3	5	1.5	3	5	1.5	3	5	1.5
1946	0.5	0	0	0.5	2.5	0	3.5	5	1	3.5	5	1	3.5	5	1	3.5	5	1
1947	0	0	0	3	2.5	0.5	5.5	5	2	5.5	5	2	5.5	5	2	5	5	0.5
1948	0	0	0	2	1.5	0	3	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	4	2.5	0
1949	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0
1950	0	0	0	2.5	1.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0
1951	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0
1952	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0
1953	0	0	0	0.5	2.5	0	2.5	5	1	2.5	5	1	2.5	5	1	2.5	5	1
1954	0	0	0	0.5	2.5	0.5	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1
1955	0	0	0	2	1.5	0	2.5	2.5	0	2.5	2.5	0	2.5	2.5	0	2.5	2.5	0
1956	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0
1957	0	0	0	2	1.5	0	2.5	2.5	0	2.5	2.5	0	2.5	2.5	0	2.5	2.5	0
1958	0	0	0	0.5	1.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0
1959	0	0	0	0.5	2.5	0	3.5	5	1.5	3.5	5	1.5	3.5	5	1.5	3.5	5	1.5
1960	0	0	0	2.5	1.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0
1961	0	0	0	2.5	1.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0
1962	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0
1963	0	0	0	0	2.5	0	2.5	5	0.5	2.5	5	0.5	2.5	5	0.5	2.5	5	0.5
1964	0	0	0	2.5	1.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0
1965	0	0	0	0.5	1.5	0	1.5	2.5	0	1.5	2.5	0	1.5	2.5	0	1.5	2.5	0
1966	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	1.5	2.5	0	1.5	2.5	0	1.5	2.5	0	1.5	2.5	0
1967	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.5	1.5	2	5	1.5	2	5	1.5	2	5	1.5	2	5	2
1968	0	0	0	3	2.5	0	5	5	1.5	5	5	1.5	5	5	1.5	5	5	1.5
1969	0	0	0	1.5	2.5	0.5	6	5	2	6	5	2	6	5	2	6	5	2
1970	0.5	0	0	3	2.5	0	4	5	1.5	4	5	1.5	4	5	1.5	4	5	1.5
1971	0.5	0	0	0.5	2.5	0.5	3	5	1.5	3	5	1.5	3	5	1.5	3	5	1
1972	0	0	0	0	2.5	0	2.5	2.5	0	2.5	2.5	0	2.5	5	0	2.5	5	0
1973	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0	2	2.5	0
1974	0.5	0	0	0.5	2.5	0	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5
1975	0	0	0	0.5	2.5	0	2.5	5	1	2.5	5	1	2.5	5	1	2.5	5	1
1976	0	0	0	1	2.5	0	4.5	5	0.5	4.5	5	0.5	4.5	5	0.5	4.5	5	1
1977	0	0	0	2.5	1.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0
1978	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0
1979	0.5	0	0	1	2.5	0.5	3	5	1.5	3	5	1.5	3	5	1.5	3	5	1.5
1980	0.5	0	0	1	2.5	0	3	5	1.5	3	5	1.5	3	5	1.5	3	5	2
1981	0.5	0	0	1.5	2.5	0	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5	2.5	5	1.5
1982	0.5	0	0	1	2.5	0.5	2.5	5	2	2.5	5	2	2.5	5	2	2.5	5	1
1983	0	0	0	1	2.5	0.5	2.5	5	0.5	2.5	5	0.5	2.5	5	0.5	2.5	5	3.5
1984	1	0.5	0	3.5	2.5	1	4.5	5	1.5	4.5	5	1.5	4.5	5	1.5	4.5	5	1.5
1985	0.5	0	0	3	2.5	0	5	5	1	5	5	1	5	5	1	5	5	1
1986	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	2	5	0.5	2	5	0.5	2	5	0.5	2	5	0.5
1987	0	0	0	0.5	2.5	0	5	5	0.5	5	5	0.5	5	5	0.5	5	5	0.5
1988	0	0	0	3	2.5	0	3	2.5	0.5	4.5	5	0.5	4.5	5	0.5	3.5	2.5	0
1989	0	0	0	2	1.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0
1990	0	0	0	2.5	1.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0	3.5	2.5	0
1991	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0	1	2.5	0
1992	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0	2	2.5	0
1993	0	0	0	3	2.5	0.5	5.5	5	2.5	5.5	5	2.5	5.5	5	2.5	5.5	5	3

### TABLE 3A SUMMARY OF PASSAGE DAYS GENERATED FOR EIR ALTERNATIVES 1) JANUARY THROUGH APRIL

		ALT 1		ALT 2			ALT 3A			ALT 3B			ALT 3C			ALT 4A&F	3	
	Hydrologic Year Type	# of Passage	Indicator	# of Passage	Addtl Davs	Indicator	# of Passage	Addtl Davs	Indicator	# of Passage	Addtl Davs	Indicator	# of Passage	Addtl Davs	Indicator	# of Passage	Addtl Davs	Indicator
YEAR	Classification <sup>2)</sup>	Days 3)	of > 14 days	Days	from Alt 1	of > 14 days	Days	from Baseline	of > 14 days	Days	from Baseline	of > 14 days	Days	from Baseline	of > 14 days	Days	from Baseline	of > 14 days
1942	normal	55	x	47	-8	x	42	-13	X	41	-14	X	41	-14	x	40	-15	X
1943	wet	120	х	120	0	х	120	0	х	120	0	х	120	0	х	120	0	х
1944	wet	90	X	90	0	X	91	1	Х	91	1	Х	91	1	Х	89	-1	X
1945	wet	65	X	66	1	X	66	1	X	66	1	X	66	1	X	66	1	х
1946	normal	33	×	33	0	~	25	-8	X	25	-8	X	23	-10	X	/ 0	-26	
1947	dny	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
1940	dry	1		1	0		14	13	x	14	13	x	14	13	x	15	14	x
1950	dry	0		0	õ		14	14	x									
1951	dry	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
1952	wet	76	х	76	0	х	76	0	х	73	-3	Х	73	-3	х	73	-3	х
1953	normal	3		5	2		19	16	х	18	15	х	18	15	х	19	16	х
1954	normal	5		9	4		23	18	х	24	19	Х	24	19	х	24	19	х
1955	dry	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	1	
1956	normal	9		11	2		11	2		11	2		11	2		11	2	
1957	dry	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
1958	wet	66	х	68	2	х	70	4	X									
1959	normai	2		4	2		15	13	X									
1960	dry	0		0	0		15	14	~	15	14	^	15	14	~	0	14	~
1962	wet	32	x	39	7	x	42	10	x									
1963	drv	4	~	5	1	~	6	2	~	6	2	X	6	2	~	6	2	~
1964	drv	0		0 0	0		0 0	0		Ő	0		0	0		0 0	0	
1965	normal	4		5	1		5	1		5	1		5	1		5	1	
1966	wet	9		11	2		11	2		11	2		11	2		11	2	
1967	wet	98	х	97	-1	х	97	-1	х	97	-1	х	97	-1	х	97	-1	х
1968	dry	1		1	0		15	14	Х									
1969	wet	104	х	104	0	х	104	0	х	104	0	х	104	0	х	104	0	х
1970	normal	10		9	-1		17	7	х									
1971	normal	0		0	0		1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1	
1972	dry	0	X	0	0	V	0	0	V	0	0	V	0	0	V	0	0	V
1973	wet	85 27	×	80 29	1	×	8/ 12	2	X	87	2	X	8/ 12	2	X	87 10	2	X
1974	normal	68	Ŷ	20	-9	Ŷ	74	-24	Y	7/	-25	Y	74	-25	Y	74	-27	Y
1976	drv	1	~	1	-1	~	16	15	x									
1977	dry	0		0	õ		0	0	~	0	0	X	0	0	X	0	0	~
1978	wet	92	х	92	0	х	92	0	х	92	0	х	92	0	х	91	-1	х
1979	wet	86	х	85	-1	х	84	-2	х	84	-2	Х	81	-5	х	76	-10	х
1980	wet	92	х	95	3	х	95	3	х	95	3	х	95	3	х	95	3	х
1981	normal	10		11	1		22	12	Х									
1982	normal	6		6	0		19	13	х									
1983	wet	100	X	100	0	X	100	0	X	100	0	X	100	0	X	100	0	X
1984	normal	60	х	60	0	х	60	0	х	60	0	х	60	0	х	60	0	х
1985	ary	0	×	0	0	×	0	0	×	0	0	×	0	0	×	0 57	0	×
1900	wei dn/	02	~	2	-1	~	15	15	Ŷ	02	15	×	02 15	15	Ŷ	57 15	-0 15	Ŷ
1988	dry	0		0	2		15	15	X	15	15	X	15	15	X	15	15	×
1989	dry	0		ő	õ		0	0	~	0	0	~	0	0	~	0	0	~
1990	drv	õ		õ	õ		Ő	õ		ŏ	õ		ŏ	ů 0		õ	õ	
1991	normal	9		11	2		11	2		11	2		11	2		11	2	
1992	wet	26	х	28	2	х	29	3	х	29	3	х	29	3	х	31	5	х
1993	wet	120	Х	120	0	х	120	0	Х	120	0	х	120	0	Х	120	0	Х
AVG 42-93		32		32			35			35			35			34		
SUM 42-93			21			21			33			33			33			32
			40%			40%	I		63%			63%			63%	I		62%

Notes 1 ) based on Table 1, 10/12/2000, received from URS

A wet year is the third of the years analyzed with greatest inflow inf Lake Cachuma, normal years were the middle third of years, and dry years were the third of years with the lowest inflow into Lake Cachuma using USGS Los Laureles gage data.
 Passage days are defined as number of days when flows at Solvang were 25 cfs or greater, January through April

# TABLE 3B SUMMARY OF PASSAGE DAYS GENERATED FOR EIR ALTERNATIVES <sup>1)</sup> JANUARY THROUGH APRIL In Years in Which Passage Supplementation Releases Would be Made

YEAR	Hydrologic Year Type Classification <sup>2)</sup>	# of Passage Days <sup>3)</sup>	Alt 1 Indicator of > 14 days	# of Passage Days <sup>4)</sup>	<u>Alt 2</u> Addtl Days from Alt 1	Indicator of > 14 days	# of Passage Days	<u>Alt 3A</u> Addtl Days from Alt 1	Indicator of > 14 days	# of Passage Days	<u>Alt 3B</u> Addtl Days from Alt 1	Indicator of > 14 days	# of Passage Days	<u>Alt 3C</u> Addtl Days from Alt 1	Indicator of > 14 days	# of Passage Days	<u>Alt 4A&amp;B</u> Addtl Days from Alt 1	Indicator of > 14 days
1949	dry	1		1	0		14	13	Х	14	13	Х	14	13	х	15	14	Х
1950	dry	0		0	0		14	14	Х	14	14	Х	14	14	Х	14	14	Х
1953	normal	3		5	2		19	16	Х	18	15	Х	18	15	Х	19	16	Х
1954	normal	5		9	4		23	18	Х	24	19	Х	24	19	Х	24	19	Х
1959	normal	2		4	2		15	13	Х	15	13	Х	15	13	Х	15	13	Х
1960	dry	1		1	0		15	14	Х	15	14	Х	15	14	Х	15	14	Х
1968	dry	1		1	0		15	14	Х	15	14	Х	15	14	Х	15	14	Х
1970	normal	10		9	-1		17	7	Х	17	7	Х	17	7	Х	17	7	Х
1975	normal	68	Х	67	-1	Х	74	6	Х									
1976	dry	1		1	0		16	15	Х	16	15	Х	16	15	Х	16	15	Х
1981	normal	10		11	1		22	12	Х	22	12	Х	22	12	Х	22	12	Х
1982	normal	6		6	0		19	13	Х	19	13	Х	19	13	Х	19	13	Х
1987	dry	0		2	2		15	15	Х	15	15	Х	15	15	Х	15	15	Х
1988	dry	0		0	0		15	15	Х	15	15	Х	15	15	Х	15	15	Х
AVG 42	2-93	8		8			21	13		21	0		21	0		21	0	
SUM 42	2-93		1			1			14			14			14			14
			7%			7%			100%			100%			100%			100%

Notes 1 ) based on Table 1, 10/12/2000, received from URS

2) A wet year is the third of the years analyzed with greatest inflow inf Lake Cachuma, normal years were the middle third of years, and dry years were

the third of years with the lowest inflow into Lake Cachuma using USGS Los Laureles gage data.

3) Passage days are defined as number of days when flows at Solvang were 25 cfs or greater, January through April