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Ms. Terri Maus-Nisich
Director of Parks
County of Santa Barbara
610 Mission Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, California 93105

Subject: Extension of the Period of Performance under Contract No. 14-06-200-600

Dear Ms. Maus-Nisich:

Santa Barbara County has expressed an interest in obtaining an interim extension of the existing Land Management Agreement (LMA). In order to accommodate the completion of the Resource Management Plan and the subsequent negotiation of a new LMA for the Federal lands around Lake Cachuma, the Bureau of Reclamation has determined that it is in the best interest of the United States to extend the Period of Performance of the existing agreement (Contract No. 14-06-200-600) for a period of two years.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 3 of the subject contract, Reclamation is extending the termination date of the subject contract from January 12, 2003, to January 12, 2005. However, if as anticipated a new long-term management agreement is completed prior to that date, Contract No. 14-06-200-600 will terminate on the date of execution of the new agreement.

The County may extend existing Concessions Agreements on a year-to-year basis not to exceed two years ending January 12, 2005. It is expected that the new long-term LMA will allow an additional extension of up to six months from its date of execution, if necessary, in order to allow for a competitive selection of Concessionaires and an orderly transition to new Concessions Agreements.

All other terms and conditions of Contract No. 14-06-200-600 shall remain in full force and effect during this interim period.

Reclamation recognizes the importance of the recreational resources at Lake Cachuma to the recreating public and the economy of Santa Barbara County (SBC). While Reclamation recognizes that our views differ on the cost allocation for recreational facility improvements, Reclamation will continue to work with SBC to support their efforts to secure funding to improve and update all facilities at Lake Cachuma, including the drinking water and wastewater treatment plants.

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Reclamation congratulates SBC on the completion of 50 years of successful operation at Lake Cachuma providing nationally recognized recreational opportunities for the people of the State of California and the entire Nation. Reclamation looks forward to working with the County to ensure the availability of these recreational opportunities well into the future.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Bob Epperson, Land Use/Resource Plan Specialist, at 559-487-5408 or for the hearing impaired at 559-487-5933.

Sincerely,

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