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MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY, PANOCHE-SILVER CREEK, FRESNO COUNTY

I have reviewed your 3 July 2008 letter requesting a 30 day extension to prepare a Management Plan for electrical conductivity on Panoche-Silver Creek (due on 30 June 2008), and your 14 July 2008 letter requesting I waive the requirement for the Management Plan.

Your request for the waiver cites United States Geological Survey (USGS), *Water Resources Investigations Report No. 02-4286*, which you indicate describes sediment, selenium, and EC in stormwater run-off in Panoche-Silver Creek during four separate storm events and refers to additional references that document similar naturally occurring EC measurements on Panoche-Silver Creek. Your letter states that EC measured during the USGS study ranged from 1,500 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ to 3,680 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$. EC measured by you on Panoche-Silver Creek during two recent storm events were 911 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ and 3,102 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ respectively.

I have directed staff to review USGS *Water Resources Investigations Report No. 02-4286* to determine whether the cited study supports your request for a waiver to the requirement to submit a Management Plan. Therefore, the request for a Management Plan for electrical conductivity is suspended while staff conducts the review.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Alan Cregan at (559) 445-6185 or David Sholes at (559) 445-6279.


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