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4 THIS CONTRACT, made this 28 day of April, 1961,
5 in pursuance generally of the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388) and acts
6 amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, all collectively hereinafter
7 referred to as the Federal Reclamation laws, and particularly pursuant to
8 the Act of Congress, approved August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844, 850), entitled:
9 "An Act authorizing the construction, repair and preservation of certain
10 public works on rivers and harbors and for other purposes," as amended,
11 between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the United
12 States, and CAROLYN G. PECK, (Trustee for the Testamentary Trust of
13 Norman Sumner Peck), SUMNER PECK RANCH, INC., a California corporation and
14 CAROLYN G. PECK, a widow, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Owners:

15 WITNESSETH THAT:

16 EXPLANATORY RECITALS

17 WHEREAS, the United States is constructing and operating the Central
18 Valley Project, California, for the purpose, among others, of furnishing water
19 for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other beneficial uses; and

20 WHEREAS, Friant Dam and diversion works, hereinafter collectively
21 referred to as Friant Dam, one of the features of the Central Valley Project
22 has been constructed on the San Joaquin River upstream from Friant, Fresno
23 County, California, for the purpose of storing and diverting a portion of the
water of the San Joaquin River, hereafter referred to as the River, for the

1 beneficial use within or without the watershed of the River consistent with
2 the optimum operation of the Central Valley Project; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States has purchased or otherwise acquired
4 certain rights to the water of the San Joaquin River, and the United States
5 has changed in whole or in part the point or points of diversion and/or the
6 place or places of use of said water to other points or places within or
7 without the watershed of the San Joaquin River by means of Friant Dam and
8 other works; and

9 WHEREAS, the Contracting Owners own lands hereinafter particularly
10 described in Exhibit A, attached hereto, of which the United States has
11 acquired certain water rights appurtenant thereto; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States desires to compensate the Contracting
13 Owners of the land to which the certain water rights were appurtenant at
14 the time of acquisition by the United States as aforesaid;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual
16 agreements contained herein, it is agreed:

17 DEFINITIONS

18 1. When used herein, unless otherwise distinctly expressed, or mani-
19 festly incompatible with the intent hereof, the term:

20 (a) "Secretary" or "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary
21 of the Interior or his duly authorized representative.

22 (b) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project, California,
23 of the Water and Power Resources Service.

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LAND AFFECTED

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3 3. The land of the Contracting Owners hereinabove referred to and
4 directly affected by this contract is particularly described in Exhibit A,
5 attached hereto, and by this reference made a part hereof.

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CONTROL OF THE RIVER

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4. The Contracting Owners acknowledge:

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8 (a) The right of the United States to control, operate, utilize
9 and maintain Friant Dam and any other dam or dams or works whatever so as
10 to interfere with, direct and/or control the flow of the River, its trib-
11 utaries, branch channels and sloughs, as the Contracting Officer may at
12 any time and from time to time determine to be necessary.

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13 (b) The right of the United States to use and/or divert within
14 or without the watershed of the River and change the place or places of
15 use and/or change the point or points of diversion and/or the purpose or
16 purposes of use of any of the water of the River and at any time and from
17 time to time as it may determine to be necessary, except only as stated in
18 Article 5 hereof.

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PROVISION FOR LIVE STREAM

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20 5. The Contracting Officer will permit water to pass by or through
21 Friant Dam into the River, which water, together with the accretions to
22 the River from all sources whatsoever, will maintain a live stream in the
River at the control point defined in Article 1 herein.

1 RIVER TO BE KEPT OPEN

2 6. The Contracting Owners expressly agree for the benefit of the
3 United States and others owning rights to the use of water from the River
4 that they will place no substantial obstruction of any kind whatsoever in
5 any channel of the River to the detriment of the United States or of others
6 diverting from the River nor authorize the same to be done by others.

7 HOW OWNER MAY DIVERT WATER

8 7. The United States does not and will not so far as it and its
9 successors and assigns are concerned, object to any reasonable beneficial
10 use of the water of the River for irrigation and/or domestic purposes
11 exclusively upon the land described in Exhibit A: Provided, That water
12 to supply such beneficial use or uses shall be taken only from water in
13 the River at a point or at points upon, adjacent to or opposite said
14 described land or at a point or at points upon said described land from
15 underground sources.

16 UNITED STATES MAY MAINTAIN RIVER CHANNEL

17 8. While the United States shall be under no obligation to do so,
18 its officers, agents and employees, so far as the Contracting Owners of
19 land described in Exhibit A are concerned, may enter upon the River at
20 any place and at any time and from time to time and construct, reconstruct,
21 maintain and/or operate such works or excavation as it may deem necessary
22 or convenient in connection with the maintenance or control of any channel
23 or channels of the River. The officers, agents and employees of the United
24 States shall enjoy the right of reasonable passage from time to time over

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1 the said described land with equipment required for such construction,
2 reconstruction, maintenance and/or operation as may be necessary. The
3 Contracting Officer also may take and utilize for any of the aforesaid
4 purposes from the channel or channels of the River at or near the point
5 or points of such works or excavation such earth, sand, rock and/or
6 gravel as may be deemed by it as necessary for the purpose.

7 NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LACK OF FLOOD CONTROL

8 9. Among the purposes of the Central Valley Project is that of
9 regulating the flow of the River and controlling floods. While the
10 Contracting Officer endeavors to operate Friant Dam as to carry out
11 and accomplish such purposes so far as that feature is concerned, he
12 makes no representation as to the amount and character of such regula-
13 tion and control. Regardless of any reasonable project operations at
14 Friant Dam, the United States shall be in no manner responsible for any
15 damages which may accrue to the Contracting Owners or to any of the land
16 or property of the Contracting Owners or to any of the land or property
17 of the Contracting Owners described in Exhibit A or otherwise because of
18 construction, operation or maintenance of Friant Dam or from any excess,
19 unusual or flood water of the River

20 EFFECT OF INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE

21 10. In the event performance in whole or in part of the obligations
22 of the United States under this contract is hindered, interrupted or pre-
23 vented by war, strikes, lockout, fire, act of God, or by civil or military
24 authorities or by any cause beyond the control of the United States hereto

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1 whether similar to the causes herein specified or not, such obligations
2 of the United States under this contract shall be suspended to the extent
3 and for the time that performance thereof is prevented or affected by
4 such hindrance, interruption or prevention. Due diligence shall be
5 observed by the United States hereto as far as lies in its power in per-
6 forming its obligations under this contract.

7 NO WATER OR WATER RIGHTS TO BE SOLD BY CONTRACTING OWNERS

8 11. The Contracting Owners shall not sell or attempt to sell or
9 convey any water or water rights or interest therein from any source
10 whatever, claimed to be parcel of or attached or appurtenant to or for
11 use upon the land described in Exhibit A or any part thereof, for use
12 elsewhere or upon other land, and any such attempted sale or conveyance
13 shall be void.

14 PROTECTION OF WATER RIGHTS

15 12. For the purposes of enforcing and/or protecting the water rights
16 of the parties hereto, the Contracting Officer, acting in behalf of either
17 the United States or the Contracting Owners, may assert any claim or
18 exercise any right which the Contracting Owners might assert or exercise
19 on their own behalf either under or in the absence of this contract, and
20 for that purpose only the Contracting Officer is hereby appointed irrev-
21 ocably agent of the Contracting Owners.

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1 OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

2 13. No member of or delegate to Congress or resident commissioner
3 shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit
4 that may arise herefrom, but this restriction shall not be construed to
5 extend to this contract if made with a corporation or company for its
6 general benefit.

7 NOTICES

8 14. Any notice, demand, or request authorized or required by this
9 contract shall be deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contracting
10 Owners, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Regional
11 Director, Mid-Pacific Region, Water and Power Resources Service,
12 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, and on behalf of the
13 United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the address
14 of record of the landowners. The designation of the addressee or the
15 address may be changed by notice given in the same manner as provided
16 in this article for other notices.

17 ASSIGNMENT LIMITED--SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED

18 15. The provisions of this contract shall apply to and bind the
19 successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

20 COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

21 16. The Contracting Owners warrant that they have not employed
22 any person to solicit or secure this contract on any agreement for a
23 commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee. Breach of this
24 warranty shall give the United States the right to annul the contract

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1 or to deduct from the contract the price or consideration in the amount
2 of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fees. This
3 warranty shall not apply to commissions payable by the Contracting
4 Owners upon contracts or sales secured or made through bona fide
5 established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contract-
6 ing Owners for the purpose of securing business.

7 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused
8 these presents to be executed in duplicate original the day and year
9 first above written.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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By M. A. Calies
Acting Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region
Water and Power Resources Service

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CONTRACTING OWNERS

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By Carolyn G. Peck
Carolyn G. Peck, Trustee

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P. O. Box 507
Mendota, California 93640
(Address)

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A California Corporation

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(Address)

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Carolyn G. Peck, a widow

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