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IN REPLY  
REFER TO:

February 27, 2012

Division of Water Rights  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Attention: Jane Farwell  
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing of January 23, 2012 re U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Water Right Permits 11308 and 11310 -- Consideration of Inclusion of Final Environmental Impact Report in the Cachuma Hearing Record

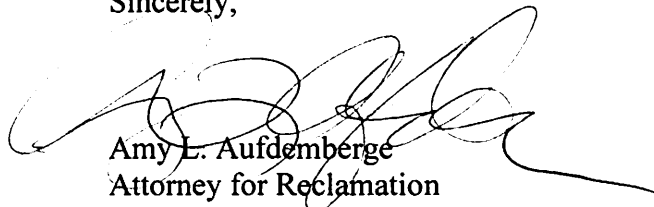
Dear Ms. Farwell:

This letter responds to the January 23, 2012 Notice of Public Hearing issued by the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board") regarding Water Right Permits 11308 and 11310 held by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for its operation of the Cachuma Project (the "Notice").

While the Notice does not specifically address surrebuttal witnesses, Reclamation would like to reserve the right to call a surrebuttal witness(es), if necessary. Reclamation may call Michael Jackson, Area Manager, South-Central California Area Office and/or Ned Gruenhagen, Wildlife Biologist. Because we have not yet received the notice containing the specific content and scope of rebuttal witnesses, we cannot specifically identify as to what Mr. Jackson or Mr. Gruenhagen may be testifying in surrebuttal, except that we may call either or both of them to clarify or correct the record, if need be, regarding issues in connection with the current federal ESA consultation, or other relevant matters.

Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attorney for Reclamation