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Mr. Charles Evans
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Dear Mr. Evans:

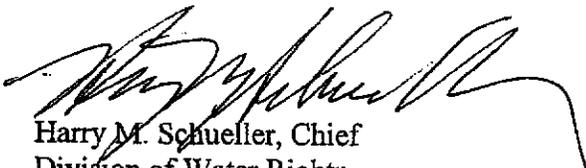
WATER RIGHT HEARING ON PERMIT 11308 AND 11310 (APPLICATIONS 11331 AND 11332) OF U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION- CACHUMA PROJECT ON SANTA YNEZ RIVER

By letter dated August 31, 2000, the City of Lompoc, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (a separate entity), and the Cachuma Conservation Release Board expressed their joint support for the hearing commencing on November 6, 2000, regarding the Cachuma Project to be conducted in phases. You ask that the technical and water quality issues regarding operation of the project and the water quality issues on the petitions for change in purpose and place of use be deferred until after the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been made available to the parties.

We plan to conduct the hearing in phases, and have been evaluating the appropriate issues for consideration in each phase. We are aware of the difficulties that face the parties because the EIR is incomplete. We will consider your request in our determination.

Katherine Mrowka is the hearing coordinator. If you require further assistance, Ms. Mrowka can be contacted at (916) 657-1951.

Sincerely,


Harry M. Schueller, Chief
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cc: Mr. Gary Keefe
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