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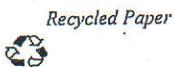
Dear Mr. Weiss:

CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY (CAL-AM) COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER WR 95-10 - STORM CAUSED WATER LOSS ISSUE - CARMEL RIVER IN MONTEREY COUNTY - 262.0 (27-01)

By letter dated March 6, 1997, you provided information on storm related water losses experienced by Cal-Am and requested that such losses not be considered in determining total water diversion by Cal-Am pursuant to Order WR 95-10. The following situation occurred. On February 3, 1998, Cal-Am suffered a major main break due to a road washout and related smaller main breaks. The estimated water losses total 16 acre-feet (af) as a direct result of these main breaks. In addition, Cal-Am supplied approximately three af of emergency water to the Carmel Riviera Mutual Water System south of Carmel when that system lost all ability to pump its wells for a limited period of time.

Cal-Am requests that this 19 af loss not be counted against the 11,285 afa diversion limit resulting from the conservation goal set forth in SWRCB Order No. WR 95-10. The March 6 letter also requests that the SWRCB not hold Cal-Am accountable for 3-4 af of water which Cal-Am expects will be lost in mid-April due to testing in connection with creation of a new hydrologic model of the Cal-Am Monterey operating system. This water will be lost due to necessary flow testing and flushing of the system throughout the Monterey Division during this testing and calibration process. Thus, Cal-Am asks that its losses totaling 23 af not be counted in determining compliance with Order WR 95-10.

If a major problem developed which was beyond the control of Cal-Am, the Board would undoubtedly consider all of the factors involved in deciding a course of action. However, the 23 af loss represents 0.2 percent of the total annual diversion allowed by the SWRCB pursuant to the order. It is Cal-Am's responsibility to maintain the integrity of the water supply system. The SWRCB will not seek to determine on a piecemeal basis which leaks, breaks, or deliveries to nearby water systems warrant an exception from Order WR 95-10. The order requires that Cal-Am account for all diversions from the Carmel River and does not have a provision for making exceptions based upon the fate of the water after it is diverted from the river system. The water in question was diverted



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from the Carmel River; consequently, it should be included in the total annual diversion record for the year.

If you require further assistance, I can be contacted at (916) 657-1359. Katherine Mrowka is the staff person presently assigned to this matter, and she can be contacted at (916) 657-1951.

Sincerely,

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EDWARD C. ANTON

Edward C. Anton, Chief
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