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IN REPLY
REFER TO:
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Ms. Victoria A. Whitney
Chief, Division of Water Rights
Attention: Greg Wilson
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Reclamation requests that the Board's order granting approval of the transfer of water to CCWD include the following conditions to ensure the transfer does not adversely impact the water rights or operations of the Central Valley Project (CVP).

1. Transfer of water shall occur only during balanced conditions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
2. If transferred water will augment CVP supplies, there shall be a carriage water charge, as determined by Central Valley Operations Office, applied to mitigate impacts upon CVP operations.
3. If transferred water will replace CVP supplies, the replacement of such supplies shall not result in any retransferable water for CCWD.

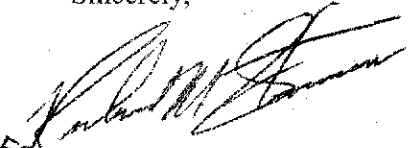
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5. There shall be no increase in diversions from Old River as a result of this transfer.
6. Approval of this transfer in no way contradicts Reclamation's and the California Department of Water Resources' assertion that, as further ordered under D-1629, the CVP and State Water Project have priority over CCWD's storage rights for Los Vaqueros Reservoir.
7. Prior to initiating the transfer, Petitioner shall submit to the Division of Water Rights for its prior approval, a plan that contains the following: description of the following actions; description of how consumptive use savings will be measured; and actions to be taken to monitor fallowed fields to determine actual amount of transferrable water generated through consumptive use savings, taking into account any impact from weed growth and evaporation from bare fields.

Questions may be referred to Mr. Bob Colella, Water Rights Specialist, at 916-978-5256.

Sincerely,


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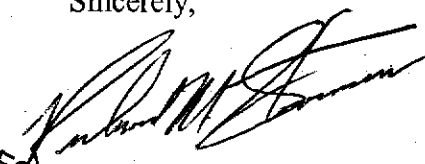
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