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From : Jerry Johns  
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DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

Subject: COMPLIANCE WITH VERNALIS WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Paul Fujitani of the Bureau of Reclamation (978-5232) called today to inform us that the Bureau will not be meeting the 500 TDS requirement at Vernalis for June. Evidently, fairly high salt levels were experienced earlier this month. To obtain the 500 mg/l TDS would require salinities around 400 TDS for the remainder of the month. The Bureau has talked to Alex Hildebrand. According to them, Alex stated that the South Delta Water Agency will not complain provided the Bureau meets a daily TDS of about 500 mg/l.

Mr. Fujitani also stated that the Bureau intends to try to meet 500 TDS only on a daily basis but not on the monthly average as set forth in Decision 1422. They will not concern themselves with meeting the monthly standard. I stated that this is a significant policy issue that the Division needs to address and we may communicate to the Bureau the need to make their operations of New Melones more consistent with D 1422. I stated I would discuss this issue with you next week and get back to them as soon as possible on the State Board's position.

cc: Dave Beringer ✓  
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