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Dear Mr. Vasquez:

This letter supplements my initial comments submitted via email on January 19, 2018 in response to the Report of Investigation (INV 8217) issued by your office on December 20, 2017. My staff continues to investigate our files for additional information related to the developments at Indian Springs, which are located on the San Bernardino National Forest.

Anecdotal evidence (Rod Garton, personal communication, Feb 7, 2018) indicates that Indian Springs was being used until 1939 when the Coldwater Canyon (East Twin Creek) diversion was put into use for various reasons including ease of access for maintenance of the diversion and higher volume of water. This shift to Coldwater Canyon also coincides with the reconstruction of the Arrowhead Springs Hotel after it had been destroyed by wildfire in 1938.

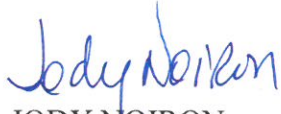
Garton recounts that the Indian Springs system was not in working condition in the late 1970s. The previous owners of the private Arrowhead Springs Hotel property (Campus Crusade) first acquired a special use permit from the Forest Service for the Coldwater diversion in 1963, which was reissued in 1976. In the 1980s, Campus Crusade approached the Forest Service for a special use permit to re-develop Indian Springs, but the permit was denied.

I also wanted to clarify that any representation of policy, actions, or past decisions by the Forest Service described in the February 5, 2018 correspondence to the Board from Steve Loe, representing the Southern California Native Freshwater Fauna Working Group, are strictly the opinion of Mr. Loe and any coauthors he may have consulted. The Forest Service's prior participation in the working group does not indicate any endorsement of those comments, and the Forest Service did not participate in any way in their preparation or review. The comments that I have submitted to the State for its consideration are the sole representation of the Forest Service's position.



I will keep you informed of any additional information we develop regarding the history of the Indian Springs water developments. Please contact Robert Taylor, Forest Hydrologist, at 909-382-2600 if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



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