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Re: Cachuma Project Hearing: Policy Statement

Dear Mr. Fecko:

We represent Nancy Crawford-Hall, the owner and operator of the San Lucas Ranch in Santa Barbara County, California. The San Lucas Ranch is adjacent to Lake Cachuma and the Bradbury Dam.

Enclosed for your and the State Water Resource Control Board's review are copies of materials submitted on behalf of Ms. Crawford-Hall and San Lucas Ranch to the Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board ("COMB") and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ("Bureau"), in response to COMB's and the Bureau's joint EIR/EIS for the Lower Santa Ynez River Fish Management Plan and Biological Opinion for the Cachuma Project. These materials are relevant to the Board's Cachuma Project Hearing because they raise questions about certain actions proposed by COMB and the Board in connection with their operation of the Cachuma Project, which actions are allegedly intended to protect the public trust resources, including endangered steelhead trout, in the Santa Ynez River watershed area.

As is explained in these materials, there is no scientific or evidentiary basis for COMB's and the Bureau's assertion that their actions will benefit endangered steelhead. To the contrary, the best available science and all the evidence in the record before COMB and the Bureau demonstrate that their proposals will have severe, adverse effects