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Mr. Roger K. Patterson Regional Director U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Patterson:

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REQUEST TO DRAWDOWN STAMPEDE RESERVOIR--APPLICATION 15693--LITTLE TRUCKEE RIVER IN SIERRA COUNTY

This letter is regarding the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's request to release water from Stampede Reservoir for the specific purpose of enhancing potential Cui-Ui spawning at or near Pyramid Lake in Nevada.

In order to have such an operation covered under the water right permit for Stampede Reservoir, a petition to change the place of use and purpose of use must be filed with and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The petition should request that the appropriate spawning locations be added as a place of use and that fish enhancement be added as a purpose of use.

We are not suggesting that a petition be filed at this time, since all petitions on file with the SWRCB that involve the Truckee River watershed are being held in abeyance until the Truckee River Operating Agreement negotiations are complete.

Therefore, we are suggesting that, once the Truckee River Operating Agreement is operational, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation file the appropriate petition to change the operation of Stampede Reservoir.

If we can be of further assistance, please telephone me at (916) 657-1359. The staff person currently working on this issue is Larry Attaway; he may be reached at (916) 657-1942.

Sincerely,

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Edward C. Anton, Chief Division of Water Rights

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