

November 10, 2010

VIA E-MAIL

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Prioritized Schedule and Estimate of Costs to Complete Instream Flow Studies Pursuant to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009

Dear Ms. Townsend:

This letter is written on behalf of the City of Lompoc in response to the question posed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding whether there are existing and adequate streamflow studies for streams that are on the list. The Santa Ynez River is identified in Schedule 2, High Priority Rivers and Streams that Support Anadromous Species, as a first priority stream. While the City of Lompoc does not dispute the importance of the Santa Ynez River, its inclusion as a first priority river for an independent instream flow study is misplaced.

In 2003, the SWRCB noticed a hearing on the Cachuma Project. A key issue for the water right hearing was:

Should Permits 11308 and 11310 be modified to protect public trust resources?

- a. What flow requirements, including magnitude and duration of flows released from Bradbury Dam, are necessary to protect public trust resources, including but not limited to Steelhead, red-legged frogs, tidewater goby and wetlands, in the Santa Ynez River downstream of Bradbury Dam?

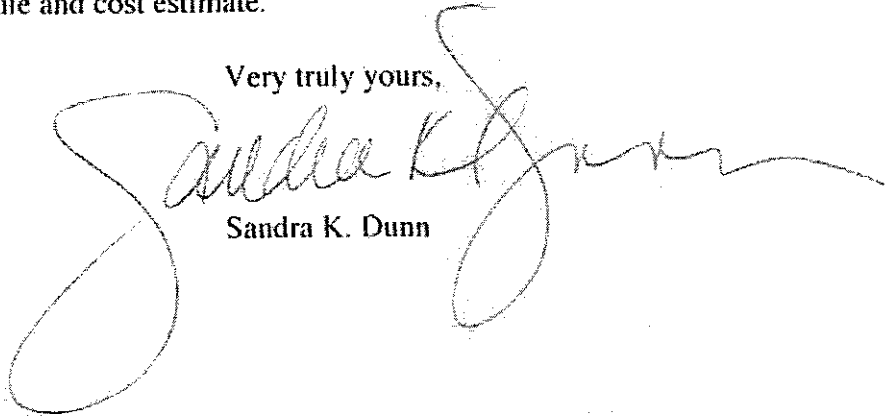
The SWRCB conducted five days of hearing on this and other related issues. The parties to this proceeding are currently anticipating the release of a Final Environmental Impact Report by the SWRCB, as well as a proposed water rights decision. Given the focus of the pending water rights proceeding on downstream releases in the Santa Ynez River, it is perplexing as to why the Santa Ynez River is identified in Schedule 2 as a first priority stream for the purpose of conducting an instream flow study.

Significant resources have already been dedicated to the Santa Ynez River and the protection of public trust resources. With the limited resources available, the SWRCB should

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complete the pending water rights process on the Santa Ynez River and remove the Santa Ynez River from the schedule and cost estimate.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra K. Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with large loops and a long horizontal tail.

Sandra K. Dunn

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cc: Ron Stassi
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Ernest Conant
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