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Release of Environmental Water Account Assets to the State Water Project to Offset
Past Fishery Actions

The Department of Water Resources is requesting that the Environmental Water Account Management Agencies approve the release of the following EWA assets to the State Water Project as partial offset for fishery actions taken pursuant to the CALFED Record of Decision.

- 44,036 acre-feet of 2000 carryover water purchased from Kern County interests in March 2001 on behalf of the EWA. This water is to be made available in O'Neill Forebay by the Kern County interests as other sources of water are used in lieu of the scheduled 2000 carryover water.
- 30,218 acre-feet of stored water purchased from Kern County interests in March 2001 on behalf of the EWA. This water is to be made available in O'Neill Forebay through exchange of 2001 SWP entitlement in May 2001.

The Department is prepared to deliver the water, subject to acquisition agreements, at O'Neill Forebay beginning May 14, 2001 at a rate of 2,475 acre-feet per day. The Department has the discretion to revise the delivery schedule, if necessary, to ensure no adverse impacts on project deliveries or on SWP operations or facilities.

The purchase costs of the water for delivery to O'Neill Forebay are identified in the following table.

Environmental Water Account Executed Water Purchase Agreements			
Agency	Date Acquired	Acquired Water (acre-feet)	Cost for Delivery to O'Neill Forebay
Arvin-Edison Water Storage District	May 3, 2001	10,000	\$1,380,000
Westside Mutual Water Company	May 3, 2001	15,000	\$2,070,000
Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District	May 3, 2001	19,036	\$2,626,968
Buena Vista Water Storage District, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, and West Kern Water Storage District	May 3, 2001	20,218	\$5,661,040
Kern County Water Agency (ID4)	May 3, 2001	10,000	\$4,600,000
TOTAL		74,254	\$16,338,008

Upon delivery of this water, it can be released to the SWP per concurrence of the Management Agencies. If the EWA Management Agencies agree to release this water to the SWP as it is made available in O'Neill Forebay, then no additional costs will be incurred by the EWA. However, if the EWA Management Agencies decide to retain title to the water, then additional costs for use of SWP facilities and power may result depending on how this water is managed in the future.

If you concur with this request, please sign and date all five originals of this letter in the appropriate place below. Upon execution by the last agency, please keep one original and return the remaining to Mr. Dan Flory, Chief, State Water Project Analysis Office, Department of Water Resources, Post Office box 942836, Sacramento, California 94236-0001. The Department will return the fully executed originals to the other two agencies.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Curt Spencer at (916) 653-5945.

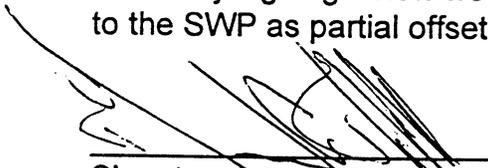
Sincerely,



Stephen L. Kashiwada
Acting Deputy Director

Enclosures

By signing below we concur with the release of 74,254 acre-feet of EWA assets to the SWP as partial offset for previous fishery actions taken during 2001.


Signature

7/24/01
Date

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