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Region II  
1001 Jedsmith Drive  
Sacramento 19, California  
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Mr. Paul Shaad  
Sacramento Municipal  
Utility District  
P. O. Box 2391  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Shaad:

We have recently reviewed your application to the Department of Water Resources for the construction of Union Valley Dam. There is no migratory run of fish that will be blocked by your proposed dam, and so there is no reason to consider constructing a fish ladder there.

We would like to call your attention to the fact that trout streams can be rather easily destroyed if much sand or silt finds its way into them. Fine material will reduce fish food production, destroy spawning areas, and fill up the many hiding places that small trout need to escape their enemies. This sort of thing is actually and legally a form of pollution. We believe that it is one of the most important problems facing the maintenance of trout fishing in California. It is particularly destructive in El Dorado County because the soil washes so easily there.

Because you will be building roads during the dam construction and moving a great amount of soil, we are bringing this problem to your attention. We urge you to caution your contractors to keep silt and sand out of the stream.

We sincerely appreciate the fine cooperation we have received from you and other members of the SMUD organization in protecting the natural resources that are affected by your projects.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Montgomery  
Regional Manager  
Region II

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cc: Central Valley Water Pollution  
Control Board