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In reply refer to:
Project No. 7454-CA
Weber Dam

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Dear Mr. Hutchings:

I received your July 8, 1997, letter transmitting information relating to the forthcoming remedial work at Weber Dam. Your transmittal, written in response to my June 27 letter, provides information relating to the removal of the tunnel plug, armoring of the channel downstream of the existing diversion tunnel, construction time frames, quality control and inspection, and agency consultation and concurrence relating to this interim remedial work.

Subsequent to this submittal, and concurrent with our review of the above information, a meeting was held in the District's office on July 30, 1997, to discuss the proposed work. The long term plan for Weber Dam was also briefly discussed. Representatives from the FERC, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, and the California Division of Safety of Dams were also in attendance at this meeting.

Our review of the plans and specifications for the tunnel plug removal indicates that the District has retained a blasting consultant to perform the required removal of the plug. The District's work forces will be doing the removal and cleanup. The work plan, and calculations as presented are acceptable. Based on discussions offered during the July 30 meeting, and general concurrence reached among all parties during that meeting, you are authorized to commence with the work relating to the tunnel plug only. We understand the District is ready to begin next Monday, August 4, 1997.

The remaining important aspects of the interim remedial work, including provisions to address concerns regarding sediment transport, will be addressed in separate correspondence. Our letter addressing such will be sent to you soon.

Sincerely,

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