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- Region 2

Highland Lake Dam, No. 1-31-El Dorado County
Smith Lake Dam, No. 1-28-El Dorado County

Thank you for your letter of November 6, 1979. Both dams were altered by our personnel to remove them from jurisdiction of your Department. Periodic repairs were extremely costly and unwarranted in terms of the value of the storage of water. The certificates of approval are enclosed.

We believe new standards should be adopted for small dams in remote areas far from human habitation. From our point of view there is virtually no danger to humans or property in wilderness areas.

We would appreciate hearing from you as to whether such a revision of the standards for small dams in wilderness areas is feasible. Your views on this matter would help us evaluate our future management of the many small dams under our jurisdiction.

COPY Original signed by
Richard D. Beland

Robert W. Lassen
Regional Manager

Enclosures (2)

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State of California
The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Division of Safety of Dams

Certificate of Approval

This Is To Certify That, pursuant to Part 1 of Division 3 of the California Water Code, the Department of Water Resources of the State of California has found that the Smith Lake Dam and Reservoir, State Application Number 1-28, located in Sec. 26, Tp. 12 N., R. 16 E. M.D.B. & M., El Dorado County, State of California, are safe to impound water; and the use of said dam and reservoir to impound water in accordance with and subject to the following terms and conditions is hereby authorized: 1. Water may be impounded to dam crest, Elevation 94.00, assumed datum, as used on Fish and Game Drawing, dated November 1951.

This certificate of approval supersedes every previous certificate of approval or written consent for use issued by the State of California relative to said dam and reservoir.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Department
of Water Resources of the State of California

this 15th day of June 19 66

FOR THE CHIEF ENGINEER

Robert B. Gussen

Division Engineer

Reg. C. E. No. 8218



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Division of Safety of Dams

Certificate of Approval

This Is To Certify That, pursuant to Part 1 of Division 3 of the California Water Code, the Department of Water Resources of the State of California has found that the Highland Lake Dam and Reservoir, State Application Number 1-31, located in Sec. 20, Tp. 13 N, R. 16 E, M.D.B. & M., El Dorado County, State of California, are safe to impound water; and the use of said dam and reservoir to impound water in accordance with and subject to the following terms and conditions is hereby authorized: 1. Water may be impounded to dam crest, Elevation 100.00, assumed datum, as used on Fish and Game Drawing, dated July 26, 1955.



This certificate of approval supersedes every previous certificate of approval or written consent for use issued by the State of California relative to said dam and reservoir.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Department
of Water Resources of the State of California
this 15th day of June 1966
FOR THE CHIEF ENGINEER

Robert O. Jensen
Division Engineer

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