



El Dorado Irrigation District

Weber Dam, No. 5:
(El Dorado County)

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Mr. Kenneth Sanchez
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95821-6340

Subject: Weber Dam Reconstruction
Project No. 96003

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

A status meeting regarding the environmental work for Weber Dam was held on August 14, 1998. The purpose of this letter is to provide a summary of that meeting, since you were unable to attend. Enclosed is a copy of the agenda.

Categorical Exemption

Our environmental consultant, Greystone, has completed the biological and cultural resources analyses. In particular, the red-legged frog survey was performed and there were no findings of the frog in the construction area of the project. Based on this and other evaluations, the District determined that this project would qualify for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA, Section 15302(a). We feel that the mandated safety improvements do not alter the purpose or the capacity of the dam and reservoir and, for the foreseeable future, there will be no change in the historical operation of the reservoir.

As a result of these findings, a Notice of Exemption was filed with El Dorado County on August 12, 1998. Our original intention was to perform an EIR but with no findings of the red-legged frog and the fact that this is a mandated project to provide an earthquake resistant structure, it was felt that an exemption was the appropriate action.

Spivey Pond Preservation Area

Even though the District filed an exemption for Weber Dam, this action should not change the District's participation in the MOU discussions for Spivey Pond.