

Memorandum

To : R. D. Beland

Date: February 25, 1977

From : **Department of Fish and Game** - Region 2

Subject: Glenn Colusa Fish Screen - Diversion Dam Location

On February 2⁵, 1977, I had a telephone conversation with Mr. Webber (916-865-2660) regarding the location of the dam. He is objecting to the installation of the dam in the upstream location between the screen and bypass outlet. He maintains that the dam in this location deprives him of his ability to divert water under his riparian right. I explained how the screen was designed to function with the dam in that location and that we had operated in that manner in 1972, 1973 and 1974. The dam was not put in during 1975. Only during 1976 was the dam located in the downstream location where Mr. Webber would like to see it placed. The 1976 dam placement was only for testing purposes so the Bay Delta Study could better evaluate screening concepts as they relate to the Peripheral Canal.

Mr. Webber maintains that because the dam was in the downstream location prior to the screen and in 1976 when the only U.S. Corps of Engineers permit was issued that the dam should be placed there this year. I told him we were going to insist on returning it to the upstream location. He stated that might be a violation of the USCE permit.

Prior to talking to Mr. Webber I had a call from Mr. Tadpole (440-3147) of the USCE. He said putting the dam in the upstream location would probably require a new permit.

Mr. Webber stated that he is going to write a letter to Mr. Lassen stating his objection to the movement of the dam upstream. I don't know if he is going to take any legal action which could interfere with the dam movement.

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Mr. Robert Lassen
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Mar. 1, 1977

Dear Mr. Lassen:

The exact location of a low-level dam constructed by the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District on a side channel of the Sacramento River is decided, we are told, by The Dept. of Fish and Game.

By the authority of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, a permit (#5880) was issued (dtd 4/19/76) for ten years. When this permit was up for public comment, the dam was to be placed down stream from properties owned by Knecht and Weber. They had no objection. Now, one year later and still under the authority of the same permit, the dam is to be located some distance up-stream; leaving their orchards virtually high and dry. This will render their river water rights (license 651) all but useless!

There appears to be a contradiction on what you are proposing to do now, with regard to the location of the dam, and what the permit authorized. I'm sure Knecht and Weber, members of our association, are reasonable men and would like to discuss a solution to this problem.

We would all appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Bob Berini

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March 9, 1977

Mr. Bob Berini, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Berini:

On March 1, 1977 you wrote us expressing concern about the effects the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District's dam location would have on the ability to divert water at the Knecht and Weber properties.

Prior to the construction of the fish screen, we understand that the dam was located downstream from these properties. When the fish screen was built, the dam was moved upstream and placed in a location between the screens and the outlet to the fish bypass system which conveys the small fish back to the river so they may continue their journey to the ocean. The bypass system will only work with the dam in the upstream location.

The dam was placed in the upstream location during the 1972, 1973, and 1974 diversion seasons. In 1975 the river flows were so high that no dam was installed. Since the fish screen has been in operation, 1976 was the only year when the dam was moved downstream at or near its pre-fish-screen location. This was done so that a special study could be made which would assist this Department in developing fish screening concepts applicable to the proposed Peripheral Canal in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Glenn-Colusa fish screen is about a one-tenth scale model of what might be experienced at the Peripheral Canal. This Department never intended that the diversion dam be permanently moved back to the downstream location.

While operating this year we will run water through the bypass system as was done between 1972 and 1974. Therefore, there will be water available for diversion at the Knecht and Weber properties.

Sincerely,

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R. W. LASSEN

Robert W. Lassen
Regional Manager

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