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July 2, 2007

James M. Beck, General Manager  
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RE: Kern County Water Agency Resolution No. 39-06; Use of Kern River Restoration Wells

*1-ref 150.10 Water Resources use of Kern River Restoration Wells*  
*110.1 Legal - Contract Kern Agency of Bakersfield use of Kern River Restoration Wells*

Dear Mr. Beck:

This letter is to memorialize our telephonic conversation of June 21, 2007 concerning the KCWA use of the Kern River Restoration wells. As I understand, the attendees in the conversation from KCWA were you and Eric Averett.

As background information, the City of Bakersfield is very sensitive to groundwater pumping programs involving the aquifer that is the heart of the City's drinking water system, a system that serves over 140,000 people. We are uneasy about short and long term effects in quantity, as well as the groundwater quality of the water we deliver to our customers, residents and consumers. These are the same customers, residents and consumers that are also within KCWA service area of ID#4.

The City of Bakersfield was notified through an e-mail from Eric Averett that the KCWA Board had adopted Resolution No. 39-06. The resolution was attached to the e-mail. The resolution pertained to the Proposition 13 Kern River Restoration wells and use by KCWA, "to use the urban wells to pump previously banked groundwater to meet ID4 demands by direct delivery or exchange with other water districts in all years when the City of Bakersfield has not requested use of such wells", among other declarations, statements and assertions in the resolution.

Subsequent to the receipt of Averett's e-mail, Mark Lambert, Water Resources Superintendent for the City had a telephonic conversation on June 20, 2007 with Averett, where Mr. Lambert asked the question: What banked groundwater accounts did ID4 plan to extract from using the restoration wells? The answer given was water "either from a transferred account in the Rosedale project or previously recharged water by ID4". Mr. Lambert response was that the City would be OK with temporarily using the Rosedale account until such time that the actual Rosedale wells were operational, but the other accounting would be problematic. Averett added that ID4 did not know for sure that they would need to operate the wells.

In our conversation, I expressed that the City of Bakersfield was somewhat alarmed at the resolution and the apparent KCWA intent to pump the Proposition 13 Kern River Restoration wells outside of a legitimate and acceptable operational scenario. You assured me that the KCWA, if the wells are pumped, may use the Rosedale banking account on a temporary basis.

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It was also understood that any pumping of groundwater for KCWA would be for agricultural members units or other agricultural water contractors and would require agreements to replace the water pumped. The replacement water would enter the river channel in the Parkway and would be coincidental with the pumping or within a reasonable time period for payback. You also stated that any program to pump the Proposition 13 Kern River Restoration wells would go through scrutiny of the ID4 advisory committee and the KCWA board.

If the foregoing sections of this letter concerning our conversation of June 21, 2007 are an accurate representation, please acknowledge by reply letter, e-mail or by signing this letter below and returning a copy to my office.

Thank you for speaking with me on June 21, 2007. Hopefully, the Delta situation improves and these types of emergency programs can fall by the wayside. Keep the pressure on in restoring state water deliveries to the levels we were promised.

Sincerely,



Florn Core  
Manager

Read and Agreed:

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James Beck, General Manager  
Kern County Water Agency

cc: Virginia Gennaro, City Attorney