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Department of Water Resources
Southern Region

Re: Searle Irrigation Transfer

Dear Jeff and Pam:

In the telephone conference with you and Pam Skaggs on September 19, 2005, you indicated that if the irrigation water right transferred to the Searle's farm was limited to the 365 new acres identified in the permissible place of use, that the volume transferred would be limited to the proportional part of the water available to water rights 43-7126 and 43-4037 at the original place of use. The intent of the application was to transfer the total 1916.7 acre feet and make it applicable to the 365 new acres plus distribute it within the 1555 acre permissible place of use. I understand that you can modify the transfer to reflect the transfer of the total of 1916.7 acre feet from the 522.4 acres with the use allocated within the entire permissible place of use.

The mitigation plan calls for reductions in total annual volume by 10 percent in 2021, 20 percent in 2031, 30 percent in 2041, and 35 percent beginning 2051 and thereafter thereby reducing the annual volume to be pumped after 2051 to 1245.8 af.

You indicated that the current policy is to reduce the diversion rate by the same percentage in each time period to assure that mitigation occurs. The discharge rates would be reduced by the same percentages from 5.91 cfs. That has not been the policy in the Southern Region and several transfers have been processed and approved without reducing acres or discharge rate. Nor was this the recommendation which was developed at Southern on this application.

I have discussed this with the applicant, and the change in the transfer application is agreeable with the Searles. Please proceed with the transfer and we look forward to advertisement soon.

Sincerely,

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