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RE: MEASURING DEVICES FOR WATE DISTRICT 61-D

Dear Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hall:

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I am concerned about waiving measurement and headgate requirements without some other system in place to regulate the water. On 8/18/2000, Mr. Anderson called out the watermaster to regulate people in Glens Ferry who were pumping out of Little Canyon Creek. It is going to be very difficult to regulate the water users in town if we cannot determine the amount of water that is needed and/or the amount of water that is being delivered to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hall.

Regulating the small pumps in town is going to be a trying task and it will be costly for users in town to install expensive measurement devices (headgates may not be required for all on/off type systems with pumps that can be locked off at the power box). Therefore, we are willing to listen to any suggestions that you may have to prevent further calls on the creek.

We would need a plan that would be acceptable to all of the users on the lower end of the creek and the watermaster. The proposal would need to show a fair way to distribute the water without calling the watermaster to deliver the water on the lower portion of the creek. If the watermaster is called to deliver water, the only reasonable alternative would be to require measurement devices and control devices for all of the users on the lower creek to allow the watermaster to properly deliver the water to each diversion.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dan Nelson at the above address.

Respectfully,

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