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Re: Water District 47-C and Order Regarding Measuring Devices and Headgates

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I have received your letter dated May 31 regarding the Department's May 26, 1994 order requiring measuring devices and headgates which was sent to certain users in Water District 47-C.

I concur with your assessment that other streams and users within the water district probably should have been included in the Department's May 26 order. However, the watermaster of Water District 47-C did not consult with the Department about measurement and regulation needs on either House or Little House Creeks. Furthermore, your letter dated May 13, 1994, which requested a Department order for measuring devices and headgates, only identified Devil and Deadwood Creeks and made no reference to other creeks within the District. Department staff did not inspect diversions on House and Little House Creeks in response to any concerns held by either the watermaster or your client, Cedar Mesa.

The Department can consider issuing additional orders to other users on House and Little House Creeks, and/or other streams and tributaries within the District upon further consultation with the watermaster and if the watermaster will supply us with appropriate names and addresses. Due to the time of the year and available flows, along with the timing of your requests, I am concerned about the effects of any orders which require users to install measuring devices and headgates for the 1994 irrigation season. I certainly have no problems with issuing additional orders requiring compliance prior to the ensuing irrigation season.

Please note that I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the watermaster. Mr. Eastman needs to contact me and discuss the need for additional orders. After this consultation, I will recommend a decision regarding any additional orders.

Sincerely,

Tim Luke
Water Allocations

cc: Southern Region
Jack Eastman