

TO: ALLEN MERRITT

DATE: March 31, 1995

FROM: Jim Stanton

SUBJECT: BENNIE SMYER RESERVOIR ON SUMMIT CREEK

WHILE IN ALBION ON OTHER BUSINESS, I WAS TAKEN TO THIS RESERVOIR BY WATER-DISTRICT CHAIRMAN JIM CHATBURN AND WATERMASTER DON GUNDERSON. LEO BELL WAS ALSO PRESENT. IT APPEARED THAT ABOUT 1.3 CFS WAS FLOWING INTO THE RESERVOIR (WATER WAS 4 1/2" DEEP THRU AN 18"-WIDE SLOT). THE OUTFLOW FROM THE RESERVOIR APPEARED TO BE LESS THAN THIS (3" CENTER DEPTH IN A 1' CULVERT), INDICATING THAT STORAGE WAS OCCURRING. I SAW NO WAY TO BYPASS WATER AROUND THE RESERVOIR. DOUG JONES TOLD ME THAT THERE IS NO WATER RIGHT FOR THIS RESERVOIR. MR. CHATBURN TOLD ME THAT SMYER WAS PREVIOUSLY ORDERED TO BUILD A BYPASS TO PREVENT WATER STORAGE, BUT THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT DONE. THE SHALLOW CHANNEL LEADING TO THE OUTLET PIPE COULD BE CLEANED OUT OR DEEPENED TO ALLOW MORE FLOW THROUGH THE OUTLET. THE DISTRICT IS CONCERNED THAT WE TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO MAKE MR. SMYDER COMPLY WITH THE LAW; PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS THE IRRIGATION SEASON IS HERE. THNAKS.