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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Dave Tuthill, Director 
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RE: Gauge - Big Lost River

Dear Mr. Tuthill:

The Board of Directors of the Big Lost River Irrigation District asked that I write you concerning a gauge located on the Big Lost River. Some time in the recent past, the Department installed a gauge near the Blaine Diversion of the Big Lost River. This year at the annual meeting of the Water District, a vote was taken to move the gauge upstream near the Leslie Bridge.

The Directors believe that the Blaine Diversion gauge provides a more accurate reading of flows. By moving the gauge upstream, the Directors are concerned that river losses will not be accurately measured.

Doesn't the Department have a position on the most accurate location for a gauge in this reach of the river? Even if the waterusers vote to locate the gauge in a particular area, the Directors believe that the Department should be concerned with the location that would provide the most accurate reading.

The Directors asked that I write you and protest the relocation of the gauge and further request that the gauge remain at the Blaine Diversion. After you have had a chance to review this matter, please let me know your position.

Sincerely,

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