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Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

Regarding- Medicine Lodge Creek Diversion Dam

Dear Gentlemen,

At a meeting in May with the Advisory Board and the users of the Stoddard-Shenton-Allen-Eden-and-Shifflett Diversion Dam, the following consensus and or informal agreement was reached. They agreed that the owners of the diversion dam were going to do some things to the dam to make it so water flows could pass through the structure. Thereby reducing the water level above the structure, which would in turn prevent or alleviate wintertime flooding of the property and buildings of Small Ranches. When a dam is placed across a stream bed without benefit of regulating boards to allow waters to flow through it, then it becomes an obstruction rather than a regulating structure. This was the complaint of Small Ranches and the reason based for blowing said materials from the creek bed last winter to alleviate flooding of their property.

Since returning from vacation I find that this diversion now has some new problems. The level of the materials (rocks, straw, wire, steel posts, and help from beaver) is substantially higher than the creek bank thereby diverting water from the channel across lands of Small's then spreading out and flowing into an old irrigation ditch which in turn has been blocked off and the bank cut to allow water to flow back to the creek, a substantial distance from where it leaves the channel at the diversion. There appears to be a lot of water loss and is definitely causing damage to Small's.

Due to the fact that there is no way to regulate and pass the water through the channel we would ask that the owners of this diversion point take some immediate action to make this dam site operational.

If we do not hear from you or no action is taken, it will be necessary to call a District Meeting or request Water Resources to get involved.

We are hoping we can get this resolved soon.

Sincerely,

Don W. Shenton

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cc: I.D.W.R.
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