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Mr. Gary Spackman
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RE: Southwest Irrigation District – Goose Creek Irrigation District
Our File No.: 194 7377.090010

Dear Gary:

Southwest Irrigation District (SWID), in conjunction with Goose Creek Irrigation District (GCID), is in the process of writing a Mitigation Plan to be approved and in effect for 2010. As you are aware, SWID is participating in the construction of 13 miles of pipeline with three pipes to deliver surface water from the Snake River to the Golden Valley area. The IDWR modeling department recently ran the ESPAM model with estimated data from the new pipeline in order for SWID to complete the Mitigation Plan. The results were very positive and SWID appreciates the cooperation of the IDWR.

It has recently come to the attention of SWID that the IDWR has not included the data from the ground water conversions that SWID has been operating since prior to 2003. All conversion water is pumped from the Burley Irrigation District's "J" canal. The total acre feet of soft conversion mitigation along the "J" canal is greater than 15,000 AF/year. This additional mitigation would change SWID's responsibility greatly. Responsibility for the A & B call as well as the Spring User's call would be dramatically reduced.

SWID respectfully requests that the IDWR run the ESPAM model including the reduction of ground water pumping in the area of the "J" canal. All the conversions are within the boundary of the ESPA.

Brian Higgs will supply the locations and volumes of conversions from ground water to surface. The data will be supplied as soon as we receive permission that your Department will run the model for us.

Thank you for your courtesies.

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And of H2O
well locations.

Very truly yours,
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cc: Brian Higgs
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