

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of Applications)
22648 and 22649 (West Sacramento)
Canals Unit))
U. S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION)
Applicant)

Order: WR 80-8
Source: Sacramento River, et al.
County: Colusa, et al.

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

BY THE BOARD:

1. The U. S. Water and Power Resources Service (Service) has requested extension of time under the above applications and has supplied a report updating the status of the project covered by the applications.
2. The applications cover a major water development project which requires congressional approval and funding.
3. The current extension of time has expired. In 1975, the Service requested extensions under several applications. The applications were considered at Workshop in February, 1977 and staff was instructed to schedule hearing. However, high priority drought related activities interrupted processing. In view of the delay, the matter was reevaluated and the Service was requested to supply a report of the current status of the project. In that regard the Service reported the following:

In January, 1979, the Service completed the Four-Counties Study regarding water requirements for Lake, Yolo, Napa and Solano Counties. That study disclosed a serious need for supplemental water supplies and the report listed several potential sources of supply. One of those sources was the West

Sacramento Valley Canal, which is an extension of the nearly completed Tehama-Colusa Canal. A bid has been awarded for construction of the final reach of the Tehama-Colusa Canal, and the final 40 miles of that canal will have an increased capacity to deliver water to the West Sacramento Valley Canal.

The Service undertook a four-year feasibility study of the West Sacramento Canals Unit and that study is to be completed late in 1980. Through May 31, 1979, over \$500,000 has been expended on this project. The Service has requested an extension of time until June 30, 1985, to allow time to complete the feasibility report and the environmental statement and to submit them for Congressional approval.

4. The Board's regulations contain procedures whereby a hearing can be held before an extension of time is granted. However, the Service has provided a report of the current status of the project and it is unlikely that additional information on diligence would be developed as a result of hearing.

5. The project covered by these applications is in the planning stage and has not yet received congressional authorization.

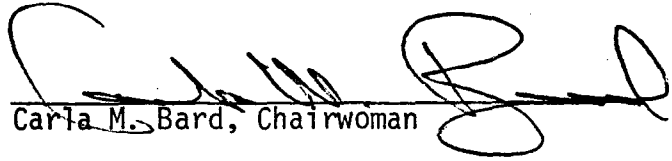
6. The Service has shown due diligence and an extension of time should be granted.

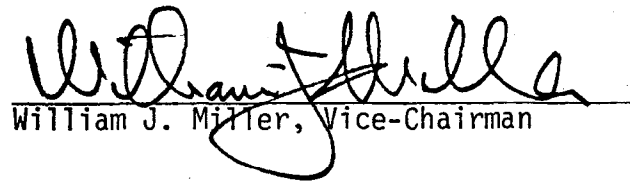
7. An extension of time would be in conformance with the three party memorandum of understanding regarding coordination of procedures on Federal projects signed by the State Water Resources Control Board, the State Department of Water Resources, and the U. S. Water and Power Resources Agency.
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Service be granted an extension of time under the subject applications until June 30, 1985, to complete an Environmental Impact Statement and obtain congressional authorization.

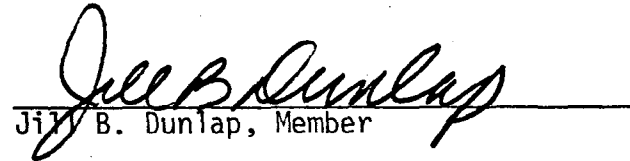
2. On or before March 31, 1985, the Service shall supply the Board with a report setting forth the status of the project as of that time.

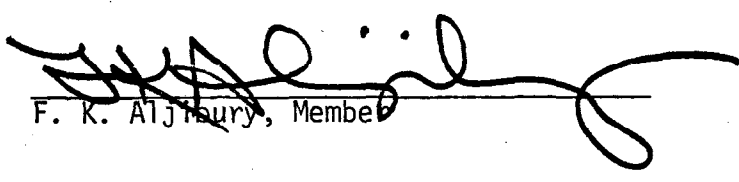
Dated: APR 17 1980


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