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Re: Comment letter – Water Measurement

Dear SWRCB Members:



This letter is intended to provide input to your July 21, 2011 public workshop to consider information regarding water diversion measurements which require diverters of water who file Statements of Water Diversion and Use to measure their monthly diversions and report their maximum rate of diversion achieved each month.

I was unable to find a current draft of what was going to be discussed at the workshop so this issue may already have been addressed. Our diversion structure was built by contractors working for the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR). Hydrographic crews for both the USBR and U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) Departments of the Federal government have spent numerous hours metering our diverted flows to generate a rating table for our diversion. Their crews continue to meter flows to confirm diversion accuracy. Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID) has a hydrographic crew trained by attending USBR workshops and metering classes at Cal Poly that also check the rating curve for our diversions. For your proposed program, wouldn't a provision that "USBR or USGS qualified staff can certify accuracy" achieve the same goal as having a professional engineer do the certification?

The USBR has been reporting our data since 1964. PVID requests that the SWRCB consider the long history of measuring and reporting data by USBR and USGS as accounting mechanisms that satisfy the intended goals of these new measurement requirements.

Sincerely,

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