

State Water Resources Control Board

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ORDER 90-5: INFORMATION REQUESTED IN SWRCB APPROVAL OF 2024 SACRAMENTO RIVER TEMPERATURE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is in reference to my June 14, 2024 letter approving the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) 2024 Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan, pursuant to State Water Resources Control Board Water Right Order 90-5. That letter included 7 conditions of approval. This letter is in regard to the conditions that have not yet been satisfied. Specifically, we are awaiting your response to the items below, numbered consistent with my letter.

2. Reclamation shall take actions, independently or in collaboration with other agencies, to increase the spatial resolution of the array of temperature monitoring stations to provide additional potential temperature compliance points consistent with historical practice. Reclamation shall submit a plan that ensures functionality of the temperature monitoring stations downstream of the CCR temperature monitoring location by March 1, 2025. Restoration of stations between CCR and Balls Ferry (historical station at Anderson) and between Balls Ferry and Bend Bridge (historical station at Jelly's Ferry) should be prioritized for implementation.
6. By February 1, 2025, Reclamation shall report in writing to the State Water Board and fisheries agencies on improvements to tools to manage conditions for fall- and spring-run Chinook salmon as well as improvements to decision support tools to better integrate assessment of TDM and redd dewatering.

In addition to the need for submittals in compliance with conditions 2 and 6, additional information is still needed to comply with condition 4, which states:

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4. Reclamation shall submit its outstanding required annual water diversion and use reports for water rights for its Shasta Division and other outstanding unfilled reports, beginning with water years 2022 and 2023, as soon as practical and not later than 3 months from the date of this letter, unless an extension is approved by the Board's Deputy Director for Water Rights.

The Division received annual use reports for a number of Reclamation facilities and diversions in June 2024. The Board appreciates the ongoing efforts to submit timely and accurate water diversion data; however, the June 2024 submittals did not include all of the required information regarding measurement devices or methods, and it appears that data is still missing for a number of Reclamation's licenses and statements. Staff are available to work with Reclamation to identify and obtain the needed data.

Please submit the information required by these conditions within 30 days from the date of this letter. If that is not possible, please explain why and provide a status update and timeline for completing compliance. Thank you for your continued cooperation and coordination on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Holland at matthew.holland@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Ekdahl", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Erik Ekdahl
Deputy Director, Division of Water Rights
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