

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of Application 24216, )  
CITY OF LOMPOC, )  
Applicant. )

Order : WR 77-2

Sources: Salsipuedes  
and El Jaro  
Creeks

County: Santa Barbara

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW TIME SCHEDULE.

BY THE BOARD:

The City of Lompoc having filed Application 24216 for a permit to appropriate unappropriated water; the time for submission of a time schedule for environmental review of the proposed project having expired; and the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) having duly notified the applicant that failure to submit said time schedule or failure to show good cause why an extension of time should be granted within 60 days of notification would subject the application to cancellation without further notice; a petition for extension of time was filed by the applicant. The Board, having considered all the evidence relevant to said petition, at a regular meeting held on April 21, 1977, finds as follows:

1. On October 24, 1972, the City of Lompoc filed its Application 24216 to appropriate 20 cubic feet per second (cfs) by direct diversion and 36,000 acre-feet per annum (afa) by storage, for municipal and industrial purposes. The applicant

proposes to construct a 36,000 acre-feet (af) capacity reservoir, called Salsipuedes Reservoir, at the junction of Salsipuedes and El Jaro Creeks; water would be released directly for use and for percolation from the natural channel of Santa Ynez River to groundwater storage in Lompoc Basin. This basin is generally located between Lompoc Narrows and 13th Street, in or near the City of Lompoc, and has an estimated storage capacity of 135,000 af. Water would be pumped from the basin from existing and future wells of the City of Lompoc for use within the city and adjacent areas. Resulting sewage would be treated in the new regional wastewater treatment plant, which will be completed within the next several months, and then discharged to the Santa Ynez River; no pollution is anticipated from such discharge.

2. By letter of June 2, 1975, the Board notified the applicant that processing of its application would be suspended until the applicant filed the environmental documents required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

3. A diligent effort has been made to comply with the Board's directives. However, it was impossible for the applicant to submit the environmental review documents or time schedule when requested; the necessary information was not yet available. A comprehensive engineering report assessing the need for and feasibility of the Salsipuedes Reservoir project (and alternative projects) was completed immediately prior to the issuance of this order.

4. The Santa Barbara County Water Agency is seeking to place a county bond issue on the November 1978 election ballot for the purpose of developing a distribution system for State Water Project water. If this proposition is successful, applicant's project will probably be abandoned; at the very least, participation in the State Water Project would be included as an alternative to the Salsipuedes Reservoir project in any environmental documents prepared by the applicant.

It is concluded from the foregoing findings that further extension of time until January 1, 1979, is justified.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that:

1. Time to submit a time schedule for environmental review of Application 24216 is extended to January 1, 1979.

2. Should the applicant decide to proceed with its proposed project after the 1978 election and should the engineering report indicate that the project as proposed is not

feasible and must be altered materially, the application shall be amended to reflect the required changes, and the amended application shall be noticed in accordance with law.

DATED: April 21, 1977

"no"  
John E. Bryson, Chairman

/s/ W. DON MAUGHAN  
W. Don Maughan, Vice Chairman

/s/ W. W. ADAMS  
W. W. Adams, Member

/s/ ROY E. DODSON  
Roy E. Dodson, Member

"no"  
Jean Auer, Member