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Dear Mr. Hogan:

The Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) appreciates the opportunity to review the Draft Additional Analysis to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Gate-King Industrial Park. The following are several clarifying comments for your consideration:

- Page 2: Footnote 3 should be updated to reflect the April 2006 Court of Appeal decision completely in favor of CLWA.
- Page 4: Reference to "acquisition of water from the state." CLWA's enabling legislation allows it to "acquire water and water rights, including *but not limited to* the State of California..."
- Page 24: Although construction will commence this year, the perchlorate treatment facilities will come on line in early 2007.
- Page 38, Section (a): CLWA wishes to complete the characterization of the negotiation and execution of the Monterey Agreement and subsequent contract amendments. The process involved DWR and most of the 29 SWP contractors (not only "six local water contractors"). Twenty-seven of the 29 SWP contractors executed the Monterey Amendments to their water supply contracts in 1996.
- Page 39, Section (b): The original trial court decision was completely in favor of CLWA. As stated herein, the Court of Appeal required the preparation of a new EIR, and did not enjoin CLWA from using the water.
- Pages 38 and 39: Note that the term "Kern-Castaic transfer" comes directly from the Monterey Settlement Agreement. It refers to the transfer of 41,000 acre-feet of contract Table A Amount from Kern County Water Agency to CLWA (hence, "Kern-Castaic"). However, on Page 39, the description of the payments for the transfer ("...the monies have been accepted by Kern-Castaic...") is incorrect. The money for the water transfer was paid by CLWA to Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, a member unit of the Kern County Water Agency. Thus only Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa "accepted" the monies.
- Page 41, Section (d): CLWA agrees with the City that the 2005 UWMP is "legally adequate, unless and until it is set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction." It can and should be used for purposes of SB 610 water supply assessments.

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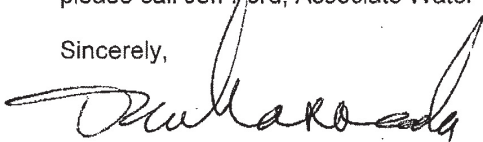
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- Page 48: See comment for Pages 38-39.
- Page 49, Item (10): Litigation was filed on the first (2002) Semitropic banking program. The second Semitropic banking program is actually dated 2004 (not 2003).
- Page 54: The 2005 UWMP assumes an overall reduction in demand of 10% through the implementation of a variety of water conservation measures. These expected levels of conservation are expected in all year types; conservation levels in dry periods would be in addition to this 10% baseline.
- Page 62: See comment for footnote on Page 2.
- Page 68: See comment for Page 24.
- Page 80: Item 3.0-3 implies that there are statewide "requirements" for water conservation measures in irrigation systems. That is not the case. At this time all water conservation measures in California are implemented voluntarily. The existing Model Landscape Ordinance is undergoing review at this time and the review may result in legislation to incorporate the 2005 recommendations of the legislatively convened Landscape Task Force. Some of these recommendations do pertain to irrigation systems.
- Item 3.0-4: CLWA is the oversight agency for recycled water in the Santa Clarita Valley. Its Recycled Water Master Plan is presently undergoing CEQA review. All uses of recycled water in the Valley by CLWA and the retail purveyors will be subject to DHS approval.

Thank you for the consideration of these comments. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Ford, Associate Water Resources Planner, at (661) 297-1600.

Sincerely,



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