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Reference: SDIP Proposed Facilities

Subject: Request for Comments
Due 10-18-02

Dear Mr. Marshall,

I have reviewed preliminary schematics of the proposed SDIP facilities. The following concerns are related to the potential flooding of Fabian Tract as a result of the proposed installations.

- Establishing the realistic flood of maximum record, 100 year or better.
- Providing sufficient flood capacity thru the structures to pass said design floods with at least a 25% safety factor.
- Pass design flood with at least 6 to 8 feet of levee freeboard.
- Pass flood without damage to levee armor.
- Survey of existing levees to determine stability under maximum flood heads.
- Provide reinforcement of deficient levee sections, if found.
- Dredging existing waterways to the design invert of -10.00 feet MSL.

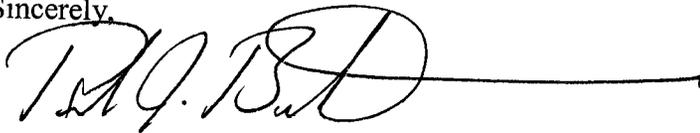
- Maintaining waterways to the -10.00 ft invert elevations after SDIP installations are constructed.
- Provision for disposal of dredge spoils from initial channel excavation and required on-going maintenance dredging.
- Provide absolute indemnification for adjacent landowners damages in the event that installation and operation of the proposed SDIP structure causes levee overtopping by floodwaters.

In summary, the proposed facilities, if constructed, should provide absolute and safe flood conveyance thru the facilities without causing overtopping of levees in the area of influence of those structures.

Discussions with DWR personnel indicate that the current flood of record (1997) resulted in the Grant Line Canal and 10,000 CFS in Old River (San Joaquin). Design flood flows should exceed these values by at least 25%.

The incremental cost between construction of a minimal capacity facility and an adequate facility is minimal. We trust that DWR will not be penny wise and pound foolish, if the proposed facilities are, in fact, constructed.

Sincerely,



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