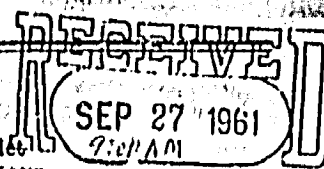


No. 852-3Water Division No. 3 JAMES RIVER District
(Blanks to be filled by the Engineer for the W. R. C.)STATE WATER RESOURCES COMM.
PIERRE SOUTH DAKOTA**VESTED RIGHT**
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT**To Appropriate Water within the State of South Dakota**

(NOTE—Draw a line through items not applicable.)

1. Name of applicant South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks
 Postoffice address Pierre County Hughes State South Dakota

I. If a corporation _____

(a) Name of same _____

(b) Date and place of incorporation _____

(c) Amount of capital stock _____

(d) Amount paid in _____

(e) Names and addresses of directors _____

(NOTE—A certified copy of articles of incorporation must accompany the application.)

II. Method of accomplishing the work and financial resources of the applicant:

(a) Method of accomplishing work (Whether by contract, employment of others, or by direct labor)

(b) Cash on hand, \$ _____ (c) Treasury stock, \$ _____

(d) Bonds to be issued, \$ _____ (e) Other resources, \$ _____

2. Name of diversion work LETCHER LAKE - Sanborn CountyAs required to fill lake to outlet level - approximately 453. Amount of water claimed acres feet per year/cubic feet per second4. Source of water supply Dry DrawOne point in the watershed located in the5. Location of point of diversion NE 1/4 Sec. 15, T. 105 N. R. 61 W.

_____ on _____ bank _____ County.

6. Annual period or periods during which water is to be used all year round

7. To be used for:

I. Irrigation or domestic use: Gravity, overhead sprinkling or combination system? _____

(a) Number of acres to be irrigated _____ acres.

(b) Legal subdivisions to be irrigated _____

(NOTE—A list of lands to be irrigated, giving each subdivision and fraction with acreage thereof, should be written here, or may be appended as a part of this application. Same must also be shown on accompanying map.)

(c) Statement as to domestic use (giving location, etc.) To the ordinary high water mark of theinundated portions of the W 1/2 of Sec. 15, T. 105 N. R. 61 W.

II. Stockwatering, mining, milling, power, fish culture, fire protection and public recreation:

(a) Nature of use public recreational purposes

Name any of the above uses claimed

(b) Amount of power to be generated _____ horse power.

Amount claimed for engine cooling _____

(c) Location of plant _____

(d) Method of developing power _____

(e) Point where water will be returned to stream _____

8. Estimated cost of work:

(a) Head Gates, \$.....

(b) Pumping plant, \$.....

(c) Fluming, \$.....

(d) Canal-earth, \$.....

Rock, \$.....

(e) Other structures \$.....

Total, \$.....

9. Description of diversion works:

I. Nature of works: (Reservoir, dam, ditch, flume, pumping plant, etc.)

II. Dimensions of works. Information requested not applicable. Letcher Lake is a

(a) Dam: Height.....feet; length at bottom.....feet; length at top.....feet; thickness at bottom.....feet; thickness at top.....feet; slope at front water face.....; slope at back face.....

material used in construction.....

(b) Reservoir: Capacity when filled.....acre feet. Surface area at highwater mark.....acres.

DEPTH AT OUTLET-FEET	SURFACE AREA AT EACH DEPTH AT OUTLET-ACRES	FEET	ACRE-FOOT CAPACITY

(c)* Head gate: Width.....feet; height.....feet;
Material.....

(d) Canal: Total length.....miles.

LOCATION BELOW HEADGATE	DEPTH	BOTTOM WIDTH	WIDTH AT WATER-LINE	GRADE PER MILE
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet
At.....Mile	feet	feet	feet	feet

(Give dimensions where reductions in size are made.)

10. Time required for completion of work.....years. Not applicable - a meandered lake

11. Time required for complete application of water to the proposed beneficial use.....years.

12. Choice of newspaper for publication of notice of intention to appropriate.....

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of.....Hughes.....

ss.

I, Walter J. Fillmore, being first duly sworn on my oath depose and say: That my relation to the above described undertaking is that of owner, that I have read the above foregoing statement, examined the map accompanying the same, and that I know of my own personal knowledge that the matters therein stated and shown are true.

Signed Walter J. FillmoreSubscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of September 1961Edward L. Johnson
Notary Public (or other qualified officer.)

*Each diversion must have a headgate or measuring device.

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Remarks by State Water Resources Commission:

"VESTED RIGHT" claimed

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of HUGHES } ss.

Pierre, South Dakota, DECEMBER 14, 1962

This is to certify that the foregoing application was received by the Commission at 9:00 o'clock
a.m. upon the 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 1962.

State Water Resources Commission

By:

Durton Hume
for Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Number of permit 852-3

Date of first receipt of application SEPTEMBER 27, 1962

Date of return to applicant for correction, amendments or changes required as follows: —, 19—

Date of receipt of corrected application —, 19—

Date from which applicant may claim right 1889, 19—

Approved DECEMBER 14, 1962, Recorded in Book 7 Page 282

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing application for a permit to appropriate water of the State of South Dakota, and we hereby grant the same as stated herein, subject, however, to the following limitations and conditions:

1st. The equivalent of at least one-fifth of the work above specified is ~~to be completed on or before~~ —

2nd. The whole of said work is ~~to be completed on or before~~ —, 19—

3rd. The limit of time for proof of beneficial use of water appropriated in accordance herewith is

completed, 19—
4th. The water appropriated shall be used for the purpose of public recreation

5th. The prior right of all persons who, by compliance with the laws of the State of South Dakota, have acquired a right to the use of water must not be injuriously affected by this appropriation.

6th. The amount of the appropriation herein granted shall not exceed 45 acre feet annually
~~cubic feet per second~~; neither shall it exceed the capacity of the above described system of diversion works,
nor the least amount of water that experience may hereafter indicate as necessary for the production of crops
in the exercise of the best husbandry; and further, said appropriation must be limited to not more than one
seventieth (1/70) of one cubic foot of water per second of time for each acre of land to which water is actually
used

used for public recreation

and beneficially ^v apply for irrigation on or before June 30, 1955; said water to be used
during the following described annual period:

Continuously
Witness my hand this 14th day of DECEMBER, 1962.

State Water Resources Commission

By:

John Hume
Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Certificate of Construction Issued DECEMBER 14, 1962.

Water License Issued DECEMBER 14, 1962.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WATER LICENSE No. 852-3

WHEREAS, On the 27th day of September A. D. 1961
the Department of Game, Fish and Parks

of Pierre County of Hughes and State of
South Dakota duly made application (No. 852-3) to us for a Vested Right permit to use 45 acre feet
annually of the waters of a dry draw
County of Sanborn, State of South Dakota, for public recreation
purposes; and

WHEREAS, On the 14th day of December A. D. 1962
Vested Right / Permit No. 852-3 was issued to said applicant for the diversion of said water, recognizing
completion of the works of diversion therein described and for the application to beneficial use of said
water and,

WHEREAS, On the 27th day of September A. D. 1961
the holder of said permit duly made proof of the completion of adequate works for the diversion of 45 acre feet
annually of said waters, as evidenced by our Certificate No. 852-3
dated December 14, 1962 confirming the completion of works of sufficient capacity for
diverting and conveying to the place of intended use 45 acre feet annually
priority of 1889 and,

WHEREAS, On the 27th day of September A. D. 1961
proof was duly made of the application to beneficial use of 45 acre feet annually
to be used in place for public recreation.

NOW, THEREFORE, By the virtue of the authority vested in us by the laws of the State of South Dakota,
We hereby grant and confirm to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks
of Pierrr Vanted Right the holder and owner of said Permit No. 352-3
a water right dating from 1889 to the use of 45 acre feet
annually
~~and for the benefit~~ of the waters of a dry draw
in the County of Sanborn and State of South Dakota, or so much thereof as may be
necessray for the purposes hereinbelow mentioned, to be diverted at a point in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15,
T 105 N, R 61 W
and ~~and for the benefit~~ stored in place

for the purpose of public recreation

subject, however, to the laws of the State of South Dakota applicable to a license for the use of the waters of the State, and subject, also to the local or community customs, rules and regulations which have been or may be adopted from time to time by a majority of the users from a common source of supply, canal or lateral from which such water may be taken, when such rules and regulations have for their object the economical use of such water.

WITNESS, My hand and seal of our office at Pierre, South Dakota,
this 14th day of December A. D. Nineteen
Hundred and Sixty-Two.

State Water Resources Commission

By:

J. W. GRIMES
Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Water License No. _____

To _____

Source of Supply _____

County _____

Am't _____ c. f. s.

Point of Diversion _____

Place of Use _____

Purpose _____

Date of Priority _____

Recorded _____

in Book _____ of _____ Page _____

Permit No. 852-3Water Division No. 3 James River Water District

Certificate of Completion of Works

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That the Department of Game, Fish and Parks

of Pierre, County of Hughes, and State of South Dakota, the holder Vested Right of/Permit No. 852-3, Issued upon Application

No. 852-3, bearing date of priority of 1989, authorizing the diversion of

45 acre feet annually of the waters of a dry draw

County of Sanborn, State of South Dakota, at a point in the

NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 15, T 105 N, R 51 W

for public recreation

purposes, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of the State of South Dakota relating to proof of completion of the works of diversion set out and described in said Permit; that said works are recognized as

~~XXXXXX~~ for diverting and conveying to the place of intended use 45 acre feet annually ~~XXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXX~~ of water; and that the ~~XXXXXX~~ proposed to be ~~XXXXXX~~ use of said water are described as follows,

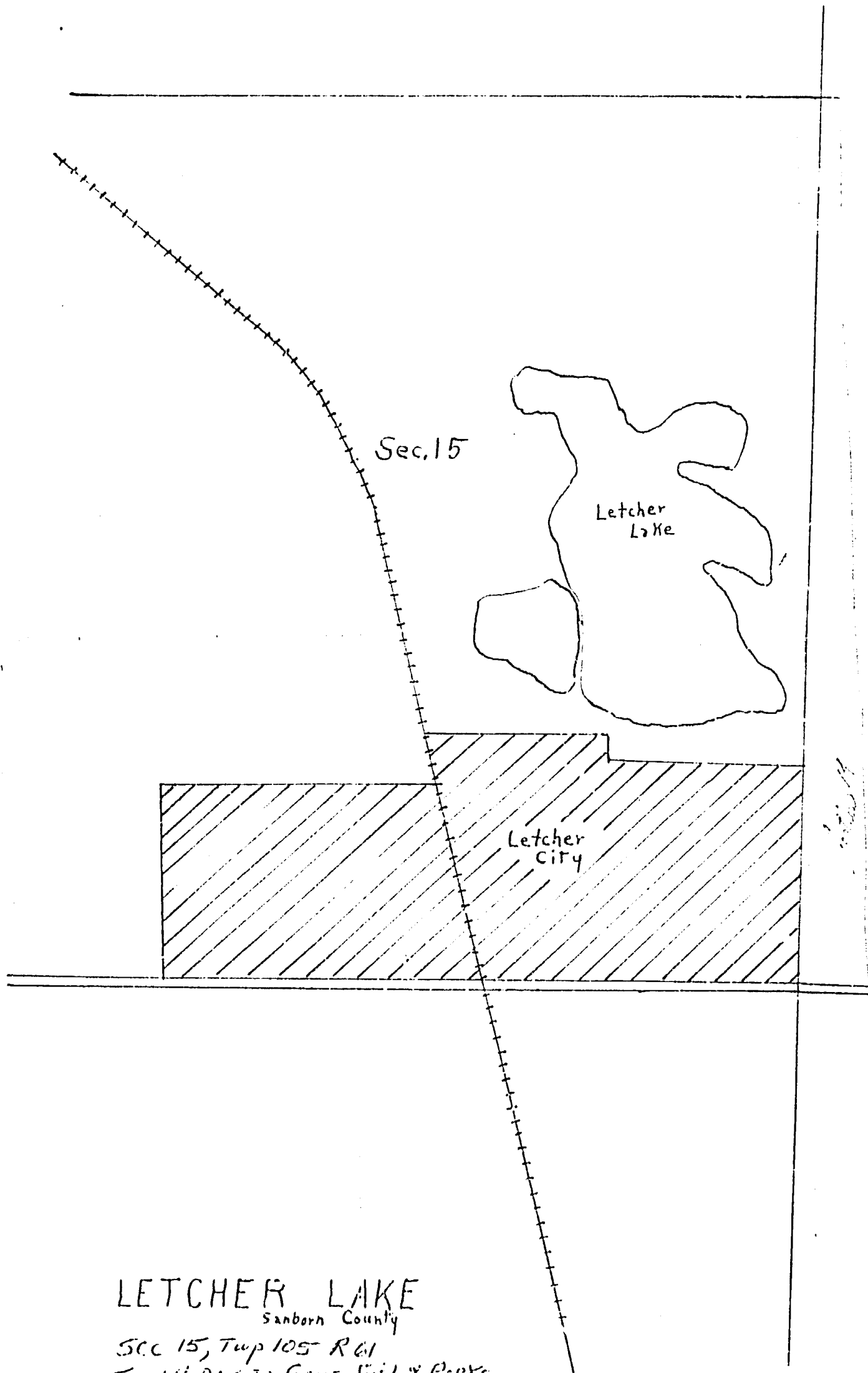
to-wit: to be used in place for public recreation.

Witness my hand this 14th day of December A. D. 19 62

State Water Resources Commission

By:

J. W. GRIMES
Chief Engineer, Executive Officer



LETCHER LAKE

Sanborn County

Sec 15, Twp 105 R 61

SOUTH DAKOTA GAME FISH & PARKS

Location No.

Water Division No. Water District

Proof of Application of Water to Beneficial Use

PETITION OF HOLDER

Ques. 1. State your name, residence, occupation and postoffice address.

Ans. South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Pierre, South Dakota

Ques. 2. If acting in behalf of a corporation, state its name, principal place of business (if a foreign corporation, give name and postoffice of statutory agent,) your position with reference to same, and your authority for appearing in its behalf.

Ans.

Ques. 3. State date of posting and date of recording notice of appropriation.

Ans.

Ques. 4. State source of water supply and give exact location of point of diversion.

Ans. Dry Draw - one point in the watershed located in the NE 1/4 Sec. 15

T. 105 R. 61

Ques. 5. Describe your works of diversion giving length and height of each dam and state amount of water they are capable of conveying from point of diversion to place of use, and give name of canal or ditch or other works by which water is conducted to such place of use, and date of completion of same.

Ans. A meandered lake - depth 10 feet-15 acres

Ques. 6. State for what purpose water is used and describe place of use. (If for irrigation, name each subdivision in which used, and number of acres in each subdivision that have ACTUALLY been irrigated with said water.)

Ans. Fish and wildlife propagation, conservation and recreation

Ques. 7. If for other than irrigation purpose, state how applied, amount of horse power generated, etc.

Ans. Used in place in lake or reservoir

Ques. 8. What is the minimum amount of water required for the use specified above?

Ans. As required to fill lake to outlet level - approximately 45 acre-feet-per-year

Ques. 9. If you are not the person or representative of the corporation to whom above mentioned permit was originally issued, please state how ownership was acquired by present holder.

Ans.

Ques. 10. State when, how, in what amount and to what extent, the water diverted under above mentioned permit has been used.

Ans. A meandered lake, used by the public for uses specified except for that
amount lost by evaporation and seepage

(Sign) J. J. McNamee

I hereby certify that the foregoing testimony was read to the above subscriber before its signing, that I believe him to be the person he represents himself to be, and that said testimony was subscribed and sworn to before me, at my office in Pierre, County of Hughes

State of South Dakota, on this 25 day of September A. D. 1961
Edmund J. Bollmann
} Witnesses. 11-18-65

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am a duly qualified elector residing in the immediate vicinity of the diversion works designated in the foregoing testimony, that I have no interest in the works, water or land above described, that I have read the foregoing testimony and that I know of my own personal knowledge that the matters therein stated are true.

Location No. -----

**PROOF OF APPLICATION OF
WATER TO BENEFICIAL USE**

PETITION OF HOLDER

Amount of Water ----- c. f. s.

Source -----

County -----

Purpose -----

Place of Use -----

Date of recording -----

Received and filed -----

March 8, 1963

Mr. Walter Fillmore, Director
Department of Game, Fish and Parks
Pierre, South Dakota

Dear Walt:

Enclosed herewith are your "Vested Right" Permit to Appropriate Water, Certificate of Completion of Works and Water License for the following applications:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name of Lake</u>	<u>County</u>
828-3	Hanson Lake	Hanson
829-3	Fulton Lake	Hanson
830-3	Spring Lake	Hanson
831-3	Chester Lake	Campbell
851-3	Armour Lake	Douglas
✓ 852-3	Latcher Lake	Sanborn
853-3	Calahan Lake	Sanborn
854-3	Twin Lakes	Sanborn
855-3	Rifle Lake	Sanborn
856-3	Buffalo Lake	Hinsdale

Sincerely,

J. W. GRIMES
Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

JWG:mf
Encls. as above

C O P Y



Department of Water & Natural Resources

Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3181

September 21, 1988

Richard Beringson, Secretary
Department of Game, Fish and Parks
Anderson Building
445 E Capitol
Pierre SD 57501

Dear Mr. Beringson:

I am writing to notify you that pursuant to the Notice of Intent to Validate Vested Water Right Claims dated June 20, 1988 that I intend to oppose validation of all Department of Game, Fish and Parks Vested Water Right Claims for lakes for the following reasons:

1. Until the outlet elevation for each lake is surveyed and the outlet elevation is set by the Water Management Board.
2. To allow the Vested Water Right Claim to be amended, if necessary, as follows:
 - a) Include the outlet elevation;
 - b) To correct the amount of water claimed;
 - c) To add the qualification that a vested claim is subject where necessary to installation of a concrete outlet structure to assure retention of the outlet as the established elevation; and
 - d) To add any amendments and qualifications necessary to clarify a Vested Right Claim.

Also, that I intend to oppose validation of all Department of Game, Fish and Parks Vested Water Right Claims for dams to allow the Vested Water Right Claim to be amended, if necessary, as follows:

1. To include the spillway elevation;
2. To correct the amount of water claimed; and
3. To add any amendments and qualifications necessary to clarify a Vested Right Claim.

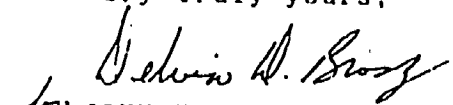


September 21, 1998
Richard Beringson, Secretary
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We will be working with your staff on these validations. We have already discussed setting outlet elevations before validating claims for lakes. Although the work necessary to complete the validation process will take several years to complete, the results should be of benefit to the public and to your Department. As the work is completed to validate each claim, the claim will be presented to the Water Management Board for validation.

Please advise if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Hatch", is written over the typed name.

for JOHN HATCH, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Division
605 773-3352

cc: Ron Koth, Department of Game, Fish and Parks