

Response to Comments-Made-By  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Letter dated December 2, 1992

Comment

Reclamation has reviewed and considered your suggestions and concurs with your comment that the water could become cooler. At this time however, we will make minor wording changes but will not use the suggested language.

The five conventional pumps currently in operation with a total capacity of 125 cubic feet per second were installed beginning in 1989 when three were put into operation. In 1990, an additional two pumps were added. The pumps were installed to permit water delivery during gates-up operation of RBDD. The design for the screens at the intake are currently underway. Installation must await completion of the PPP. Currently, there is no monitoring of the effects of the pumps. However, during operation, gates on the right side of the dam are closed to direct river flows and downstream migrating fish will be directed away from the pumps.

The impact of helical pumps are uncertain but will be evaluated as part of this program. Impacts to fish will be minimized by monitoring at the evaluation facility and by implementing appropriate corrective measures, as necessary, through flexibility designed into the pilot pumping plant.