

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**NORTHERN DISTRICT  
100 MAIN STREET  
COLLEGE BLUFF, CA 96080-2398

98-B21

**RECEIVED**

JUN 23 2000

June 20, 2000

CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Mr. Carl Werder  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation  
2800 Cottage Way, MP-190  
Room E-2710  
Sacramento, California 95825-1898

Dear Mr. Werder:

The Department of Water Resources requests to be added to the CALFED agenda to amend project number 98-B21, "Anadromous Fish Passage at Clough Dam on Mill Creek." This project is an existing CALFED contract to provide a water delivery system that will eliminate the need to rebuild Clough Dam on Mill Creek. The original contract consisted of the following five tasks:

- 1) Screen design
- 2) Screen construction
- 3) Siphon and dam removal design
- 4) Permits & environmental documentation for siphon and dam removal
- 5) Construction of siphon and dam removal

DWR is requesting to be added to the CALFED agenda to make the following changes to the existing contract:

**Cost**

No change [\$1,280,000 from the California Bay-Delta Act]. Although two tasks (items #1 and #2) will be eliminated for a total of \$65,000, DWR requests to keep the original contract amount available for construction contingencies.

**Time extension**

December 31, 2001

**Scope**

DWR requests a change of scope due to some of the tasks being completed by The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). It is requested that the scope be

Mr. Carl Werder  
June 20, 2000  
Page 2

revised by eliminating already completed work, e.g., [1] Screen design, and [2] Screen construction.

This will modify tasks 1 and 2 of the original contract. Tasks 3, 4, and 5 of the contract will remain the same.

### **Background**

This project will provide a water delivery system that will eliminate the Clough Dam on Mill Creek. DWR, DFG, & USBR are working together to affect a permanent removal of the dam which is currently partially intact after a winter washout. The water right holders would replace it if the cooperating agencies had not stepped in with an alternative to this environmentally sensitive situation. These agencies are working to restore the endangered species which spawn upstream of the old dam.

DWR will design and construct fish passage facilities at or near Clough Dam, on Mill Creek near Los Molinos, California. This work includes: site characterization, engineering designs, construction, and inspection to modify the Clough Dam diversion. The modification includes a siphon from the north side to the south side diversion ditch, and removal of the remaining portion of Clough Dam. This work is being coordinated under the CALFED process; the tasks identified in this contract are being funded by USBR.

No work has been done on this project and no money has been spent due to the lack of consensus between landowners. The landowners have recently come to an agreement, and want to proceed with the project. Here is a summary of the change in schedule:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Old Schedule</u>	<u>New Schedule</u>
Screen design	11/01/1999	Eliminate
Screen construction	05/01/2000	Eliminate
Siphon and dam removal design	05/01/2000	05/01/2001
Permits & environmental work	05/01/2000	05/01/2001
Construction	12/01/2000	12/31/2001

### **Consequences if the Time Extension is Not Approved**

This project cannot be completed by December 1, 2000. If this time extension is not granted, the project will never have been started, and the money will be turned back to USBR. In all likelihood, one landowner will try to build a diversion ditch off a diversion

Mr. Carl Werder  
June 20, 2000  
Page 3

dam located further upstream, and add a fish screen. The other landowner will probably seek funding or resources to rebuild the original dam. Both of these scenarios add additional fish passage problems to Mill Creek.

Thank you for considering this request for a contract amendment. If you have any questions concerning this request, call me at (530) 529-7348.

Sincerely,



Curtis Anderson, Chief  
Engineering Studies Section

cc: Peter Jacobsen  
CALFED  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, California 95814