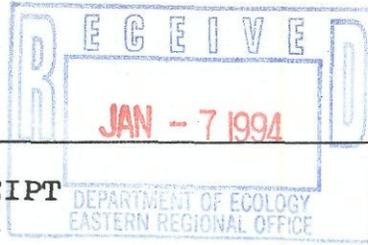






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January 5, 1994

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William and Diana Browning  
25244 Old Julian Highway  
Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Browning:

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We are returning your application for permit to appropriate public ground water. Before your application can be accepted for processing the following is required:

1. Applications must be filled out on forms provided by the Department. Enclosed is a blank application form.
2. Under Item 1 - (Source of Supply) Please state the maximum number of wells which could be drilled. This number can be reduced later - but not increased.
3. Under Item 3B - (Location of Wells) Enclosed is a topographic map of the area. Please mark with an "X" approximate locations of the proposed well(s).
4. Under Item 4 - Please answer this portion.

Also, you probably have heard that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has listed Snake River Sockeye Salmon as an endangered species under the Federal Endangered Species Act. This federal action means that major changes are in store for how water and related natural resources will be managed in the future in the Snake and Columbia River Basins. I would like to brief you on the status of your water right application in light of these developments.

First, let me update you on several other related activities. You may not know that NMFS is considering a proposal to list two other runs of Snake River Chinook Salmon as endangered species. Also, fisheries experts have identified more than 100 declining anadromous fish runs in Washington.

A strong effort is being made to develop a regional solution. Last December, at the request of the governors of the Columbia Basin states, the Northwest Power Planning Council amended the basin's Fish and Wildlife Program. Past-Governor Booth Gardner strongly endorsed this regional plan.

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The fish recovery plan calls on states to take whatever steps are necessary in water management to protect salmon and steelhead. To do this and at the same time meet our obligation to allow responsible use of the state's water, Department of Ecology has made some extremely difficult decisions on processing water rights during the regional discussions.

These decisions will have at least a temporary effect on your application. You have applied for water rights from a well which may be in direct hydraulic continuity with the Columbia River. Prior to taking final action on this application Department of Ecology must determine whether sufficient water is available to satisfy both new water rights and the instream flow needs of fish.

Following this review, Department of Ecology will continue processing applications normally for streams with healthy fish stocks, available water, and adequate instream flow. For streams with weak stocks, further study will be done to determine if low flows are a contributing cause. If so, additional detailed studies may be necessary before water right decisions can be made.

I hope this letter answers some questions that you may have regarding your water right application. I want to assure you that Ecology will make every effort to expedite action on your application. I apologize for delays that are necessary to provide a well founded decision.

At this time we do not have a firm date when this issue will be resolved. Due to the complexity of the matter it may be 2 to 3 years before we can make a decision on your application.

In order for this application to retain its date of priority, it must be returned to this office with the proper fee within thirty days from the date of this letter. If you do not wish to return the application, please notify us and we will return your application fee of \$110.00.

Sincerely,



Gene Drury  
Technical and Enforcement Unit  
Water Resources Program

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Enclosures

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Mr. Browning called -  
retain old priority date  
of 12-29-93