

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority



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VIA Electronic Mail

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Re: B.F. Sisk Dam Raise/San Luis Reservoir Expansion

Dear Regional Director Murillo;

As I recently discussed with your staff, the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Water Authority) is in support of the Bureau of Reclamation investigating the feasibility of raising the B.F Sisk Dam for the benefit of additional storage south of the Delta as part of the B.F. Sisk Safety of Dam (SOD) Modification Project.

Section 5B of the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act, 43 U.S.C. section 509b, authorizes the Secretary of Interior to develop additional project benefits through the construction of new or supplementary work in conjunction with the SOD work provided that a cost share agreement related to the additional project benefits is reached among non-Federal and Federal funding participants. A Sisk Dam raise for additional storage as a component of the SOD project should be considered and evaluated. The benefit of increased water storage south of the Delta is an essential component of long term water supply reliability for Water Authority members. For that reason, the Water Authority is willing to consider becoming a non-Federal cost share partner to receive the additional project benefits from such a project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frances C. Mizuno". The signature is stylized and includes a large flourish at the end.

Frances C. Mizuno
Interim Executive Director

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