



State Water Resources Control Board

In reply refer to:
CID:6565

Ben King
P.O. Box 29
Colusa, CA 95932

Dear Mr. King,

The Division of Water Rights received your complaint on August 5, 2022, alleging that dams on the Colusa Basin Main Drain are impacting flows to the detriment of fish in the drain. The dams that you referenced operate as weirs that normally allow flow bypass. My assessment of the area you presented in the complaint is that natural stream-flow in the Colusa Drain does not exist or is de-minimus at this time of the season. Currently, it appears the dams are used to facilitate re-diversion of tail water and field drainage. Any issues, if they exist, would be under the purview of participating districts and water companies.

Since no measurable natural flow is entering Colusa Drain and the Division has no authority to manage purchase water agreements, the Division proposes to close this complaint within 30 days unless additional evidence is submitted to justify further investigation. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Chuck Arnold of my staff at (916) 341-5634 or by email at chuck.arnold@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light brown background, appearing to read "R. Cervantes for".

Robert P. Cervantes
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Division of Water Rights

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