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Annual Report - Orlando System Water Use

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Ms. Mauss:

According to the email exchange between Mr. Harding and yourself, Two Rivers Water and Farming Company is required to tender a report of water use annually for the Orlando System. It is my responsibility to provide oversight and management for Orlando Reservoir and Cucharas Reservoir. I am also the tenant on the Butte Valley Farm, where I reside and farm. This has been the situation for 2015 to the present.

Due to the zero storage restriction imposed on Cucharas Reservoir by Division 2 and the State Engineers, no water was impounded in 2015 and 2016 and therefore no water was put to any beneficial use in either year. During 2015 and 2016 no water was intentionally diverted and impounded in Orlando Reservoir. A small amount of rain storm water got into the facility, but none was released or put to any beneficial use. Orlando Reservoir has been unable to divert and store any water in 2015 and 2016 during the usual winter storage season because of a constant call by the Welton Ditch. There is ongoing litigation between TwoRiver and theWelton.

The Butte Valley Ditch diverted its full decree virtually all season in both 2015 and 2016 under priorities 1 and 9 of the Read Decree from the Huerfano River. All the water was utilized for Agricultural crops including alfalfa, oats, German millet, Hybred Forage Sorghum and Triticale.

Hopefully this report is sufficient; however, if ore details are needed please contact me.

Sincerely,

John Stroh