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## Re: Annual Report - Orlando System Water Use

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**Anna Mauss - DNR** <anna.mauss@state.co.us>

Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 3:43 PM

To: FAYE STROH <jfstroh@msn.com>

Cc: Wayne Harding <wharding@2riverswater.com>, Bill Gregorak <bgregorak@2riverswater.com>, Keith Wiggins <ranchguytk@yahoo.com>

Thank you!

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 25, 2017, at 12:58 PM, FAYE STROH <jfstroh@msn.com> wrote:

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, Hybrid Forage Sorghum and Triticale.

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

Sincerely,

John Stroh



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**FAYE STROH** <jfstroh@msn.com>

Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 12:31 PM

To: "anna.mauss@state.co.us" <anna.mauss@state.co.us>

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Anna:

Sorry, I thought John was done. Here's the rest of the report.

Robert Rice Ditch, Priority #19, Read Decree – not used, no crops grown,

Diversion washed out.

Orlando #2 Reservoir – as previously reported no water was released.

Cucharas Reservoir – which is Orlando #5 is under a zero storage restriction and no water was retained or used.

Huerfano Valley Ditch – The former Di Santi farm was leased to Dale and Carla Martin, they irrigated 40 acres of alfalfa and harvested 2 cuttings. Also, they planted 60 acres of Triticale and 36 acres of forage sorghum that were harvested for hay. No other crops were grown, to my knowledge.

Huerfano Valley Reservoir – Water was diverted and stored, but none was released and no crops were grown. The only active farm below the Reservoir has been leased to David Fountain, the land is cultivated and ready to furrow and seed. The plan is to irrigate 120 acres of sorghum during 2018 season from Huerfano Valley Reservoir.

Orlando No. 1 – also known as Bradford Reservoir was placed on the abandonment list several years ago. I do not know the status, but no water was stored and no crops grown.

Hopefully this answers your questions and fulfills the reporting requirement. Please feel free to call if you have questions.

I am working on a plan to put the Robert Rice in production this year. If I am successful it will be included in the 2018 report.

Respectfully,

John C. Stroh, II

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