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Mr. Lee Sims
Utah State Division of Water Rights
1636 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

RE: Violation of Utah Code Annotated §73-3-29

Dear Lee:

I hate to bother you with this but all of our attempts to work out an equitable solution have met with negative results. There has been a serious disruption of the historical and natural water flows going into the Lakefront Gun, Fur & Reclamation Club, W.U.C. #1760, by the Ambassador Duck Club, ostensibly operating under W.U.C. #3354 of the Irvine Ranch & Petroleum Company.

You should be aware that dikes have been built, to the best of my knowledge without a 404 permit from the Army Corp of Engineers, and water flows have been completely stopped from the Ambassador into the west side of our club. I am not aware of any written approval either asked for or received from the State Engineer's Office and as near as I can determine, this is a violation of U.C.A. §73-3-29.

On numerous occasions we have attempted to work out a solution that would enable everyone to receive the water they are entitled to. However, we have recently been informed the Ambassador refuses to do what is necessary to insure the water flows through its historical routes. They continue to divert water west, away from the Lakefront and away from the natural stream channels.

We simply cannot allow this to continue. I am, therefore, requesting that the State Engineer's Office take immediate action to restore the natural flow of water. Because the hunting season is only 3 weeks away, we need your immediate response and help.

Respectfully,



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cc: Lakefront
Army Corp of Engineers