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Re: Measures to Alleviate Eminent Flooding on the Lower San Pitch River

Dear David:

This is a follow up to our phone conversation where I directed you as the Lower San Pitch Water Commissioner to take appropriate measures to avoid, or at least minimize, the eminent flooding that is occurring on the Lower San Pitch River.

Key to the operation of the river and to minimize damage caused by flooding involves removal of the gates at the Manti Bumper. As the Water Commissioner on the Lower San Pitch River you are the duly appointed representative of the state engineer. You are the only one authorized or responsible for operation of the Gates at the Manti Bumper. As directed, the gates in the Manti Bumper should be removed and the gates themselves controlled in a manner that will prevent tampering and operation of the gates by others.

Due to recent tampering of gates on this diversion, I recommend these gates be removed and put in control of the San Pete County Sheriff's office until a time when you need them to control water. Any tampering of gates and the Manti Bumper by others will be subject to State Engineer's enforcement actions and fines. In conjunction with this action you should place a red tag and use photographs to document your settings, this provides evidence for possible enforcement, if necessary.

By the authority of this letter, and in conjunction with your duties as water commissioner for the Lower San Pitch River, you are hereby authorized by the State Engineer in to make appropriate gate changes and river diversion settings to avoid flooding and allow San Pitch water to run to unimpeded to the Gunnison Reservoir whereby it may be used for the benefit of the Lower San Pitch and Sevier water users, as in accordance with the Cox Decree.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me by phone at (801) 538-7430 or by e-mail at [MikeSilva@utah.gov](mailto:MikeSilva@utah.gov).

Sincerely

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