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James Mayer
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Dear Mr. Mayer:

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 1995. I am sorry that it has taken me so long to respond.

We are pleased with the efforts that the water users in general have made in complying with the requirement to meter their groundwater use. However, we are concerned about the continuing difficulty in maintaining the meters in good working order and the possible accuracy problems that might exist with some or many of the meters. Within the next week or so my staff will discuss with you an alternative way to regulate water use based on measuring irrigated area rather than metering water. We feel that this method will provide the means to make real progress in regulating not only Milford but the other areas of extensive groundwater use.

We appreciate your concerns about groundwater use in the Beaver area. We also are concerned about the possibility of water right abuses in that area, but so far our limited manpower resources has prevented us from doing any investigation. We feel that we cannot drop the projects we are currently involved with until they are completed or successfully operating with minimal assistance from our office. We are committed to doing a job 100% before starting another project.

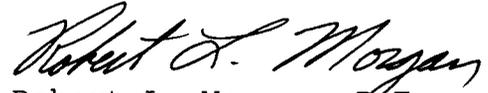
We want to assure you that we will investigate the Beaver area and resolve the issues that we find there. In the interim, we hope you can be patient with us until we are able to start work in that area. We feel we have been doing the best we can with the resources we have. As I said above, we think this new method of regulation will allow us to use our resources more efficiently and provide regulation assistance to a much larger area than we are able to now.



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Again, I want to reassure you that we are committed to ensuring fair and equitable regulation of water use throughout the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "M".

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