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Subject: Resource Agency Meeting Scheduled on December 2, 2005
Rehabilitation of Lower Provo River Diversion Dams

Dear Mr. Olds:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Commission), the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (District), and the Department of the Interior (DOI) plan to initiate the NEPA process for a proposed project authorized through section 302(c) of the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA). The proposed project would provide unimpaired fish migration at diversion dams on the lower Provo River. The project would include accurate, real-time bypass and measurement of river instream flows for fish, wildlife and recreation purposes while maintaining the ability to meet diversion requirements for canal companies and legal water users.

The potentially affected diversion dams include all diversion dams below the Murdock Diversion, from the Timpanogos Diversion to the Fort Field Diversion near Utah Lake. A total of eight diversion dams may be affected by CUPCA. The diversion dam locations are shown on the attached map and are listed as follows:

Timpanogos	Provo Bench	Provo Bench Tailrace
Upper Union	Lake Bottom	Upper City
Lower City	Fort Field	

Section 302(c) of CUPCA authorized \$4.0 million in federal funds (1991 price levels) "to modify existing or construct new diversion structures on the Provo River below the Murdock diversion". The funds are an appropriation under Section 8 of the Colorado River Storage Project Act (CRSPA); as such, the funds must be used for fish, wildlife or related recreation purposes. Additional funding sources may be available from other CUPCA programs.

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A meeting to provide information about the proposed project to resource agencies has been scheduled for December 2, 2005 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Bonneville conference room of the District. We request that you, or someone from your staff, attend the meeting to discuss potential project issues before an initial public meeting is held and agency levels of involvement determined.

Key contacts for this project are:

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The joint lead agencies have been in contact with project stakeholders to discuss the current status of the river diversions and preliminary concepts for fish passage. These concepts will be discussed at the resource agency meeting. We look forward to your input in conducting this project.

Sincerely,



for Mark A. Breitenbach, P.E.
Project Manager

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Rehabilitation or Replacement of Diversion Structures

MAP 1-1

IMPACT AREA OF INFLUENCE
OLMSTED DIVERSION TO UTAH LAKE

