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Mr. Stan Adams  
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Dear Stan:

Re: Koosharem Irrigation Co. Storage  
Right

This letter is in response to your phone call on March 19th concerning storage in Koosharem Reservoir.

You reported to me that the irrigation company drained and released 300 acre-feet of water from the reservoir last fall to allow repair work on the dam. They are now requesting permission to store an additional 300 acre-feet this year to replace the water released last fall. The storage right for the Koosharem Irrigation Company is based on a one-time fill each year, so there is no legal basis for allowing storage of the additional water this year.

It is unfortunate that water had to be released, especially in a dry year, to make needed repairs to the dam. However, proper maintenance of the dam is an obligation incurred by the ownership and operation of a storage reservoir. It would be unfair to expect the other water users on the river system to shoulder this obligation by giving up their water to refill Koosharem Reservoir.

If you have any further questions concerning this issue, please contact me at 538-7380.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee H. Sim".

Lee H. Sim, P. E.  
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