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September 10, 1992

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RE: Distribution of Water Within Utah Lake Drainage Basin

Dear Mr. Morgan:

In regards to the proposed distribution of water within Utah Lake drainage basin, it is recommended that you postpone implementing the plan until the current drought is over.

The events of late August 1992 have demonstrated to me the difficulty in receiving water from Utah Lake to meet Salt Lake City's exchange contract obligations under drought conditions. The Associated Canal Companies have cooperated in an exemplary way; but since August 23, 1992 the City has only been able to receive a fraction of the water necessary to meet its exchange obligations from Utah Lake. Therefore, we have been releasing well water, treated water, and Deer Creek water to the various exchange ditch headgates to compensate for the loss of Utah Lake water. It has been necessary on a maximum day basis to deliver 37 cfs of culinary quality water to the various exchange ditches.

My concern is that anything that would affect storage in Deer Creek Reservoir could affect our ability to deliver culinary water and exchange water from Deer Creek Reservoir this coming year if the Lehi Pumping Station is again unable to meet our flow requirements. I can visualize the release of stored water into Utah Lake where evaporation and competition with other users could dramatically reduce water available to both Salt Lake City's culinary and exchange customers.

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Given the unprecedented drought that we have experienced this past 6 years, I recommend that you postpone implementing the Utah Lake Management Plan until a more normal inflow regime occurs in Utah Lake drainage.

Sincerely,

  
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LEROY W. HOOTON, JR.  
Director

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