



OLENE S. WALKER
Governor
GAYLE F. McKEACHNIE
Lieutenant Governor

State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Water Rights

ROBERT L. MORGAN JERRY D. OLDS
Executive Director State Engineer/Division Director

January 5, 2005

Bill Marcovecchio, Chairman
Board of Canal Company Presidents
8435 South Willow Creek Dr.
Sandy, Utah 84093

Re: Request for system storage release

Dear Mr. Marcovecchio:

I am writing in response to your letter dated September 30, 2004 requesting the release of approximately 4600 acre feet of water from Deer Creek Reservoir according to the provisions of the Utah Lake Management Plan.

On September 30, 2004 we also received an e-mail from Central Utah Water Conservancy District requesting to exchange approximately 4600 acre feet of Utah Lake Management Plan system storage water in Deer Creek Reservoir for Bonneville Unit water conveyed from Strawberry Reservoir to Utah Lake under the terms and conditions of the Deer Creek Reservoir / Jordanelle Reservoir Operating Agreement. The amount of water that had been conveyed to Utah Lake from Strawberry Reservoir prior to the 2004 irrigation season was reported to be 21,206 acre-feet.

On October 25, 2004, we met with Central Utah Water Conservancy District to discuss their request and verify the amount of water that had been transferred from Strawberry Reservoir to Utah Lake. The information presented during that meeting confirmed there is adequate Strawberry Reservoir water stored in Utah Lake to justify approving the District's exchange request. We determined at the meeting that the request would be effective as of the date of the e-mailed request, however, actual approval would not be given until a formal written request was submitted for our records. Through an oversight, that written request was not received in our office until December 14, 2004. Attached for your information is a copy of their written request which has now been approved.

In light of the approval of this exchange request, the system storage water held in Deer Creek Reservoir has been converted to priority storage under water rights held by or for Central Utah Water Conservancy District; therefore no water will be released from Deer Creek Reservoir to Utah Lake.

I hope this answers any questions regarding this issue. If there are further questions or concerns please contact Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer, by phone at (801)538-7380 or by e-mail at LeeSim@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Olds, P.E.
State Engineer

cc: Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer
Jared Manning, Acting Regional Engineer