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Jay Leavitt  
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Dear Jay:

Due to extremely dry conditions on the Santa Clara River, water users above Gunlock Reservoir need to be cut back on a priority basis. All 1889 water rights, totaling 14.4 cfs, have first call on the available water. If the total flow of the river above Gunlock Reservoir is less than 14.4 cfs, each water right should receive a proportionate amount. After the 1889 rights are fully satisfied the next senior right on the system is Central Canal and Irrigation Company's 1906 right (81-4) for 10 cfs. The power company rights, which have priority dates of 1915 and 1918 may receive water once these senior rights are fully satisfied.

The following are some specific instructions. The power company canal that diverts above Baker Reservoir through the campground flume should remain dry. Santa Clara water above Baker should flow directly through the reservoir. You will need to monitor releases from Baker to ensure they match the inflow.

The diversion just above the Veyo power plant will need to continue in order to service the rights that exist on both sides of the siphon U-pipe. A dry dam may need to be established along the power canal just past the last diversion. The remainder of available water should remain in the river to supply other senior water rights downstream .

All system operations including irrigation and power company diversions from Santa Clara River are under your control and direction. I encourage all those involved to communicate and coordinate with you. Additionally, per your request, I have asked the DNR fishery specialist and they are taking no action on remaining fish in Baker Reservoir.

Sincerely,

*Mike Silva*

Mike Silva

Distribution Engineer

cc: Kurt Vest, Regional Engineer  
Connely Baldwin, Rocky Mountain Power  
Ed Bowler, Santa Clara System Chairman  
Ron Thompson, WCWCD

