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May 10, 1974

Mr. Robert Montgomery
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California Department of
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Dear Mr. Montgomery:

Migratory Waterfowl Habitat Enhancement
Chatsworth Reservoir Property

A program is being established by the Water System of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to enhance the habitat for migratory waterfowl at Chatsworth Reservoir. It was formulated in response to a request from Ms. Nanci Oliva, a representative of a community organization in the area. The program, to begin in the fall of this year, will remain in effect during the period the reservoir is out of service or until overriding water system requirements necessitate its modification or termination.

Mr. Jack Spruill, Assistant Wildlife Manager Biologist of your staff, has been advising us in the development of this program, and recently met with us at the site to describe the program to representatives of the citizens' group. We greatly appreciate his assistance.

It is planned to impound storm water runoff annually in a portion of the reservoir from October 1 to June 1. The water to be collected will be runoff from an undeveloped and totally protected watershed area and, therefore, will be of high quality. The pond will be gated to allow drainage should any condition develop that would be detrimental to the wildlife inhabitants or objectionable to nearby residents. In addition, as part of the program, selected areas of the reservoir property will be seeded with barley to provide both cover and feed for wildfowl inhabiting the area.

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As the pond forms next fall, we would like to have your staff inspect the site and offer suggestions for improvements so that the wildlife is provided with the maximum benefits of this program. Also, your periodic inspection of the area would be appreciated.

If you have any comments regarding this program, please contact Mr. Raul Sosa at 481-6157.

Sincerely,

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