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December 9, 1983

Honorable Pete Wilson
United States Senator
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wilson:

Thank you for your letter of November 23, 1983 regarding the Federal/State legal disputes arising from conflicting interpretations of area of origin water rights laws. Your letter was presented to the Lodi City Council at its regular meeting of December 7, 1983.

Your letter indicates that this matter was settled out of court with the Bureau of Reclamation. The City Council would appreciate it if you could provide us with the details of this settlement.

Again, thank you for responding to our concern regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk

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PETE WILSON
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November 23, 1983

ALICE M. REIMCHE
CITY CLERK
CITY OF LODI

Ms. Alice M. Reimche
P.O. Box 320
Lodi, California 95241

Dear Ms. Reimche:

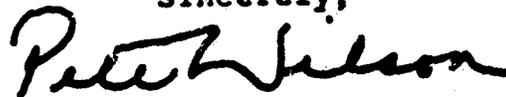
Thank you for contacting me regarding federal/state legal disputes arising from conflicting interpretations of Area of Origin water rights laws. Please excuse my delay in responding.

It is my understanding that the case generating interest in this issue, the SOFAR project claim to American River water, has been settled out of court with the Bureau of Reclamation. Further, the Bureau informs me that it is not their intent to litigate any future similar cases but would instead prefer to negotiate out of court settlements.

If you feel this to be an unsatisfactory solution to what is a complex problem of water rights law, please let me know.

Again, I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,



PETE WILSON

