



**DECLARATION OF ROBERT ALMY**

**FILED**

09-19-07

04:59 PM

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28

1. I, Robert Almy, hereby declare and state as follows:

2. I am the Director of the Santa Barbara Water Agency ("Agency"). I have so served since 1990.

3. I am familiar with the records and operations of the Agency.

4. According to the records of the Agency, the Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District ("District") has operated Twitchell Dam since 1956.

5. The Agency does not deliver water under License 10416, Permit 10271, which is held by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

6. The only manner in which water has been taken under the USBR License is by water release from the Project reservoir for the purposes of groundwater recharge to satisfy the prior vested rights of District and its landowners.

///

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Santa Barbara, California, on December 5, 2005.

Robert Almy

Director,  
Santa Barbara County Water Agency