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Mr. Larry Walkoviak
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Upper Colorado Regional Office
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Dear Mr. Walkoviak:

I accept the Recommendations for San Juan River Operations and Administration for 2009 through 2012, dated January 29, 2009. The Recommendations have been endorsed by the ten major water users who are party to them, and provide a cooperative framework for operating Navajo Dam and administering the San Juan River during the period 2009-2012. My acceptance of the Recommendations, however, should not be construed as agreement to any disclaimers included in the endorsements of the parties.

The Office of the State Engineer during the period 2009-2012 will continue to work towards promulgation of rules and regulations for administering water rights within the San Juan River Basin in New Mexico. It is anticipated that any such rules and regulations would not necessarily prohibit the development and implementation of alternative cooperative agreements for administration of diversions from the San Juan River stream system.

I wish to express my thanks to the Western Colorado Area Office staff, and to Mr. Pat Page in particular, for Reclamation's continued cooperation in facilitating cooperative agreements for the administration and distribution of water in the San Juan River Basin in New Mexico. Please call me or John Whipple if you have any questions regarding these matters.

Sincerely,

John R. D'Antonio, Jr., PE
State Engineer

Copy: Pat Page