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RE: Policy/Rulemaking on Chapter 1, Section 20 – “Ag Use Protection Policy”

Dear Mr. Gordon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. I am opposed to Appendix H because I feel it would eliminate the use of a very important water resource. This existing Policy and proposed Rulemaking (if passed) has the potential of affecting current discharges already in use as well as future discharges. Existing reservoirs will be affected and may have to be abandoned and construction of new reservoirs or facilities will cause unnecessary disturbance. I personally do not see how this would benefit landowners in any way, shape or form. I feel that it should be up to private property landowners to establish water management plans that are acceptable and useful with their CBM Service providers to meet their individual needs. Passing this Policy/Rule would deny landowners that opportunity and their right to choose the flow needed for good livestock and wildlife water. Containment of the 50 year event will require either pits or partially filled reservoirs and neither of these would benefit landowners, wildlife or livestock either. Landowners will lose their right of choice. The majority of the CBM wells in the basin have a stock water appropriation, filed with the State Engineer, associated with when. This rule infringes upon that right.

The limits proposed have been currently based on California studies and not the more appropriate Bridger study and it seems odd to me that even natural water flowing in the basin would not meet these default limits.

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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
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This rule will not solve any problems, but will create new ones. If this is passed, it will deny private property landowners the ability to make decisions concerning their own land and it will eliminate a valuable resource that should be available to them.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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