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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

Application Processing No. 62

To: Regional Managers
Water Allocation Bureau

From: L. Glen Saxton

RE: **PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATION - SMALL STREAM APPROPRIATIONS**

Date: July 28, 1998

When an application for permit is submitted to the department which seeks to appropriate water from a surface water source, the department must seek comment on the application from the Department of Fish and Game. The usual means of contact should be by sending a copy of the application to Fish and Game asking for comments by a certain date. The notice of mailing should be noted on the staff analysis sheet in the water right file.

An application which will "dry up" a stream or likely will adversely affect fish and wildlife is not in the public interest. The department is required to protect the "local public interest" whether an application is protested or not.