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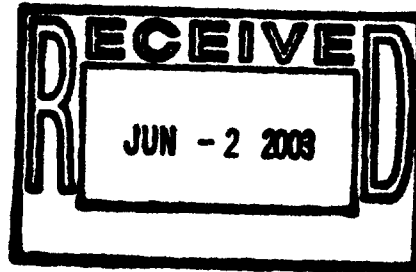
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Hello,

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request copies of all records related to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's contract and other dealings with the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust (KBRT). Reclamation's Mid Pacific Region signed a contract with KBRT on May 21, 2003, agreeing to pay the trust approximately \$1.9 million for forbearance of irrigation water and other purposes. An amendment to this contract is apparently now under development, along with cost-sharing agreements with other agencies.

Although the contract was executed by the Mid Pacific Region, I am sending this request to you because its development involved extensive consultation with the Washington, D.C., operations office, higher level Interior offices and with other agencies. I intend this request to cover those communications, too, and I expect you can forward it to the appropriate offices. Material included in the response to my FOIA request last year, pertaining to Reclamation's 2002 contract with KBRT, can be excluded from this request. I also have a copy of the original May 21, 2003, contract between BOR and KBRT (minus appendix) and the lengthy December 2002 report produced by the Trust titled, "Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust 2002 Pilot Project Monitoring Report." Both these documents can be excluded from this request.

This request should cover records such as:

- > Any updates, changes or amendments to the May 21, 2003 contract between Reclamation and KBRT.
- > Communications with the Trust and its officials, contractors and agents.
- > Communications within Reclamation and/or Interior pertaining to the costs, benefits, execution or other aspects of the KBRT program.
- > Records describing or discussing the cost and/or benefits of this project and the sources of funding for it.
- > Communications between Reclamation and other agencies regarding this project and funding for it, and records of the source and use of funding for the project.
- > Emails, memos, letters or other records discussing the results of the 2002 KBRT program and/or the rationale for entering into the 2003 program.

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- > Reclamation analyses, reports or evaluations of the 2002 KBRT program, such as the concluding assessment of the program identifying its costs and benefits.
- > Invoices submitted thus far by KBRT and other financial forms such as SF-270 requests for reimbursement. This should include monthly details required by the contract of the amount of water made available by KBRT and the amount of restoration, monitoring and other work accomplished by KBRT.
- > Description, reports or plans provided by KBRT or others, or direction from USBR, as to how funds will be spent, such as the specific restoration work that will be done.
- > OMB Circular A-133 and/or other required audit results of KBRT spending in 2002.
- > My understanding is that some funding for the contract is coming from other agencies including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Geological Survey, so I am seeking requests for, documentation or accounting of the various sources of the funding and obligations attached to any of the funding from these or other agencies.

These are examples and should not be taken as an exclusive listing of the information sought.

If the fees for providing these documents exceed \$50, please notify me prior to filling the request. However, this request is made by the news media to inform the public about the use of public funds for public benefit in an area of intense public concern. The Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust is using these federal dollars for what are intended to be ecological benefits in the Klamath Basin, an area of ecological stress. Therefore, I request that you waive any fees related to this request. If you choose to deny any portion of this request, please provide an itemized list of the information denied and cite the exemption you feel justifies your refusal to release each document.

Sincerely,



Michael Milstein