



## Washington State Legislature

May 13, 2014

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Governor  
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Dear Governor Inslee,

We have written to you previously regarding the emergent need for the replacement of the Moses Lake North Dam. It is our understanding that while emergency funds are not available, you may have the ability to temporarily divert funds from the Sullivan Lake Water Supply Project because that project has been delayed due to FERC's late issuance of its license surrender order to Pend Oreille County Public Utility District. FERC's delay has in turn slowed the schedule of Seattle City Light's cold water outlet construction project at Sullivan Lake. Since state payments are tied to actual releases of water from Sullivan Lake and a portion of those releases cannot occur until the cold water outlet project has been completed, the final payment to Pend Oreille County PUD, which was originally scheduled for the 13-15 biennium in the contract between the State of Washington and Pend Oreille County PUD, will not be possible until next biennium. Thus, given the urgency of the MLRID Project, we feel that diverting those funds to the MLRID Project would seem to represent the best option to move forward.

We recognize that proper reconstruction and coordinated operation of the MLRID dam are essential for long-term operation of the Bureau of Reclamation's and the State of Washington's Potholes Supplemental Feed Route Project and are directly tied to that project's ability to provide capacity in East Low Canal for delivery of Odessa ground water replacement water. Therefore, we would expect that any funding for MLRID would be conditioned on development and execution of an operational agreement between MLRID, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of Ecology. Such an agreement would ensure synchronized operation of MLRID and Bureau of Reclamation facilities related to passage of feed water through Moses Lake.

We would have preferred to resolve these issues with a supplemental capital budget. It should be noted that in the 2014 legislative session both the House and Senate passed capital budgets that included \$2 million for the dam. We commit to working with you in the upcoming legislative session to replace any funds that are temporarily diverted to meet this need so that the Sullivan Lake Water Supply Project moves to completion as planned.

Thank you for your consideration. Your leadership in dealing with this matter is much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Representative Richard DeBolt



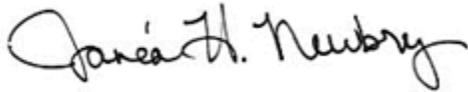
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