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Mr. P. H. Beaubier, Vice Chairman
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Dear Mr. Beaubier:

Thank you for the invitation to meet with you on September 10-11, 1980. Unfortunately, several of our Board members are not free to meet in September. Would it be possible to postpone our joint meeting until October?

We discussed a postponement with Bud McAlpine of your staff and we are aware that a visit to an operating placer mining site will not be possible in October. At our June meeting we had a field trip to a placer mining site and Bud accompanied the Board. He indicated the differences between mining practices in the Yukon and Alaska are not significant. We are much more interested in allowing all the Water Board members an opportunity to visit with your Yukon Territory Board and see first hand how water resources are administered in the Yukon.

As far as suggested agenda items, we would like to have a walk-through tour of where a permit to use water must go in your permitting procedures. We would like to observe the Yukon approach as a model for the centralized, integrated approach to water resources administration. As Bud and Gerry Whitley may have mentioned, Alaska has three departments that have duties incorporated in your one water resources agency. Also, we would be interested in how this past placer mining season progressed. Attending this meeting probably would be seven Board members and two staff each from the departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Conservation, and Fish and Game. We will all certainly be available to answer any questions about Alaska.

We hope an October meeting will be compatible with your schedule. We have enjoyed having Gerry Whitley and Bud McAlpine at our last two meetings and hope we can reciprocate this fall. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Richard H. Sims, Chairman
Water Resources Board