

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

WATER RESOURCES BOARD

April 6, 1979

Governor Jay S. Hammond
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Dear Governor Hammond:

At our last two Water Resources Board meetings, we have received considerable information and testimony regarding the Southcentral Level B Study and the Coastal Zone Management Plan. We feel that both of these projects need some direction from your office.

SOUTHCENTRAL LEVEL B STUDY: In addition to being an excellent comprehensive water plan and collection of a valuable data base, this Study (by virtue of the compliance agreement with the Federal agencies) has the possibility for placing the control of water related activities in the hands of the State. We have been advised that not all State agencies are participating and that others are giving it a low priority.

We recommend a policy statement from your office emphasizing the importance of this Study. In addition, please emphasize the need for attendance by high ranking members of each Department at the Alaska Water Resources Study Council in order to assure that the States' position is properly maintained. This is especially important prior to the drafting of any consistency agreement.

For your information, we have been advised that Community and Regional Affairs has discontinued meeting with the Level B Study team.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN: As envisioned, the Coastal Zone Management plan will provide for local government control of the coastal zone (the State will sign the compliance agreement). In both examples presented to us that relate to water use, it appears that some state agencies are exerting such pressure that the consultants (for the local government) are making presentations as though they represent the State.

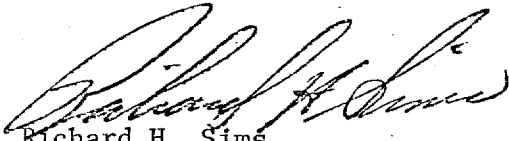
We recommend that you issue a policy statement to refrain from such pressures with the advice that all unresolved conflicts will be resolved by the Coastal Zone Management Council.

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We feel that a definition of "uses of state concern" would eliminate much of the conflict and greatly facilitate future plans.

We hope that these inquiries will be beneficial.

Very truly yours,



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Chairman

cc: Water Resources Board Members
Southcentral Level B Study
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