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Section 11(a) of Public Law 87-483 provides a formula for a sharing of the water supply among the SJCP and the Navajo Reservoir water supply contractors in years when the supply is inadequate to meet the demands of the contractors. The agreement, which is made by the major water users in the San Juan Basin only, recommends to Reclamation that in the event of shortage, Reclamation pursuant to section 11(a) limit SJCP diversions from the San Juan Basin into Heron Reservoir in the Rio Grande Basin during the year of shortage to 107,500 acre-feet less the percentage shortage calculated by Reclamation for the Navajo Reservoir supply. This recommendation is made because section 11(a) does not quantify the base normal diversion demand for the SJCP for use in the water allocation formula or from which shortages are to be deducted. This recommendation likely would not impact actual SJCP diversions from the San Juan Basin because in years of significant shortages in the basin, the SJCP diversions would likely be more limited by physical shortages in supply on the particular streams from which the SJCP diverts. This recommendation does not refer to or affect Reclamation's making SJCP contract deliveries in the Rio Grande Basin from Heron Reservoir. In any event, SJCP contractors are not bound by this recommendation. Reclamation would need to consult with the parties to the agreement if a shortage condition materializes and it cannot implement this recommendation.

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From: shb00@hampshire.edu [mailto:shb00@hampshire.edu]
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Thanks so much for all the information you sent me on the agreement. Its been very helpful to my paper. As of now, I have one question. How is this affected by the San Juan Chama Project and how does it affect the San Juan Chama Project. Am I correct in thinking that since they didn't endorse the agreement they aren't affected by it at all?

Thanks so much,
Sara H. Brosnan

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