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To: Enclosed Mailing Lists

PETITION OF IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM TRANSFER OF CONSERVED WATER

The enclosed draft order regarding Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) and the San Diego County Water Authority's (SDCWA) petition to transfer conserved water from IID to SDCWA and to change the point of diversion, place of use, and purpose of use under Permit No. 7643 is scheduled for discussion at a State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) meeting on October 16, 2002. You will receive notification of the location and time of the workshop approximately ten days prior to the workshop. This information also will be posted on the SWRCB's website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/wksmtgs/index.html>.

I wish to express my appreciation to the parties for their courtesy and cooperation during this proceeding, which has assisted us in expediting a complex and lengthy hearing. In that vein, I would like the parties to come to the October 16 workshop prepared to discuss scheduling for the remainder of this proceeding. I hope to set a SWRCB meeting date for consideration of adoption of the draft order that is agreeable to the parties. I also hope to set a date for consideration of an order taking action on any petitions for reconsideration that is agreeable to the parties.

The parties and interested persons will have a brief opportunity to comment on the draft order at the October 16 workshop. All presentations by parties to the hearing should be limited to 15 minutes. Presentations by others should be limited to three minutes. Comments should be limited to the general acceptability of the order or possible technical corrections. Evidence may not be introduced at the SWRCB workshop. Parties and interested persons should submit in writing any comments or proposed changes to the order that they would like the SWRCB to consider at the workshop. In order to be fully considered, written comments should be received by the SWRCB by 12:00 p.m. on October 11, 2002. Written submittals should be addressed to:

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Written comments may also be sent by electronic mail to IIDhearing@waterrights.swrcb.ca.gov, faxed to Ms. Whitney at (916) 341-5400, or delivered by hand to the following address:

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Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Division of Water Rights mail room, second floor. The mail room will receive and date stamp comments. Any comments sent by electronic mail or fax must be followed by a mailed or delivered hard copy with original signature.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Andy Fecko, Hearing Coordinator at (916) 341-5393 or Dana Differding, Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5188.

Sincerely

/s/

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Hearing Officer

Enclosures

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