

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
JANUARY 18, 2011**

ITEM 9

SUBJECT

HEARING TO CONSIDER WATER RIGHT APPLICATION 30358A OF THE CITY OF DAVIS AND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS (DAVIS AND UCD) AND APPLICATION 30358B OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND (WOODLAND) FOR DIVERSION FROM THE SACRAMENTO RIVER IN YOLO COUNTY

DISCUSSION

On January 18, 2011, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will conduct an adjudicative hearing on water right Application 30358A for Davis and UCD and Application 30358B for Woodland for diversion from the Sacramento River in Yolo County. Under both applications, water will be directly diverted year-round from the Sacramento River for municipal, irrigation, fisheries and aquaculture research. Davis and UCD filed Application 30358A to divert 30,000 acre-feet per annum (afa) of water. Application 30358B proposes to divert 15,000 afa of water.

The relevant issues at the hearing will be:

- 1) Will the approval of Applications 30358A and 30358B result in any significant adverse impacts to water quality, and the environment or public trust resources?
- 2) Is approval of Applications 30358A and 30358B in the public interest?
- 3) Will the proposed diversions by the applicant cause injury to the prior rights of other legal users of water?
- 4) Is water available for appropriation under Applications 30358A and 30358B?

There were twelve protests to the applications. All protests have been resolved except the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) protest. Resolution of this remaining protest is the reason a hearing is required. In addition to the applicants and CSPA, South Delta Water Agency will participate as a party through cross-examination. A hearing notice and draft permits were issued by the State Water Board on November 5, 2010, and are available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/hearings/daviswoodland/index.shtml.

POLICY ISSUES

Should the State Water Board approve Application 30358A for Davis and UCD and Application 30358B for Woodland for diversion from the Sacramento River in Yolo County?

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None until the evidence is heard.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan Update: Increase sustainable local water supplies available for meeting existing and future beneficial uses by 1,725,000 acre-feet per year, in excess of 2002 levels, by 2015, and ensure adequate flows for fish and wildlife habitat.