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## Division of Water Rights

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Mr. Michael Cox, President  
Imperial County Farm Bureau  
1000 Broadway  
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Dear Mr. Cox:

We are in receipt of your letter, dated January 20, 2002, to Mr. Arthur G. Baggett, Jr. Your letter has been directed to the Division of Water Rights for a response.

In your letter, you requested that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) hearings on petition of the Imperial Irrigation District/San Diego County Water Authority for approval of a long-term conserved water transfer be held in El Centro. Similar requests to hold at least a portion of the hearing in the Imperial Valley were made by participants in the January 23, 2002 pre-hearing conference in Sacramento. In response to these requests, the SWRCB has scheduled an April 22, 2002 hearing date in Holtville, California. As discussed in the revised hearing notice, which was mailed on February 6, 2002, the April 22 hearing date is expressly reserved for policy statements. If you wish to make a policy statement, please plan on attending the April 22<sup>nd</sup> hearing. You may also provide a written policy statement to the SWRCB.

The evidentiary portion of the hearing will commence on April 23, 2002, in Sacramento. All of the hearing proceedings will be recorded and transcripts will be available for purchase from the transcriber, Esther Schwartz, of Capitol Recorders, shortly after the proceedings are concluded. Alternatively, the transcripts will be available free of charge on the SWRCB's Internet site 60 days after they are received by the SWRCB.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. If you have any questions you may contact Dana Differding, Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5188, or Tom Peltier, Senior Engineering Geologist, at (916) 341-5353. Esther Schwartz, of Capitol Reporters, can be reached at (916) 923-5447.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Michael Cox, President

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