



- Gray Allen, District 1
- Alex Ferreira, District 2
- Mike Lee, District 3
- Robert Dugan, District 4
- Joshua Alpine, District 5

David Breninger, General Manager  
Ed Tiedemann, General Counsel

144 Ferguson Road  
P.O. Box 6570  
Auburn, CA 95604

530.823.4850  
800.464.0030

April 22, 2013  
File No. WF264729

Phil Crader, Environmental Program Manager  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

SUBJECT: State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights 2013 Petition for Change Involving a Proposed 20,000 Acre Foot (ac-ft) Water Transfer between Placer County Water Agency and Westlands Water District Permits Nos. 13856 & 13858 (Applications Nos. 18085 & 18087)

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
 2013 APR 23 AM 11:18  
 DIV OF WATER RIGHTS  
 SACRAMENTO

Dear Mr. Crader,

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) is submitting to the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights (SWRCB) two (2) Petitions for Change Involving Water Transfers to facilitate a 20,000 ac-ft water transfer to Westlands Water District (WWD) pursuant to Water Code §1725-1732. This transfer would involve surplus water currently stored in PCWA's Middle Fork Project (MFP) under SWRCB water rights Permit Nos. 13856 & 13858. Transfer water would be supplied under these two combined appropriative rights.

In accordance with Water Code §1728 this transfer shall occur within a year or less from the date of approval by the SWRCB; the proposed transfer of 20,000 ac-ft of water to WWD as described in the Petition would most likely occur between July 1, 2013 and September 30, 2013. As such, the timing of the proposed transfer would likely have a positive effect on summer minimum instream flows and water quality in the upper American River. The supplemental water will also decrease the temperature of the water entering Folsom Reservoir.

In addition, the SWRCB approved virtually identical transfers (e.g. 20,000 ac-ft) in 2001, 2004, 2008, and 2009. Two of these transfers (2001 & 2004) were for the Environmental Water Account (EWA), which the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) participated in to enhance instream flows and to benefit biologically significant aquatic habitats and species in the watershed. The accompanying Petition includes all information required under Water Code

§1725-1732 to demonstrate that this transfer will not injure any downstream legal user of water and would not unreasonably affect fish, wildlife, or any other instream beneficial uses.

Enclosed with this submittal is the following:

- One original and one electronic copy of PCWA's Petitions for Change Involving Water Transfers including the required Environmental Information Form for Petitions;
- A check for Petition filing fees in the amount of \$9,997.00 made payable to the SWRCB; and
- A check in the amount of \$850.00 made payable to the CADFW.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (530) 308-4507.

Sincerely,



Andrew Fecko  
Director of Resource Development

Enclosures

c: Jan Goldsmith, General Counsel, KMT&G  
Jose Gutierrez, Deputy General Manager - Resources, Westlands Water District  
Tina Bartlett, Regional Manager, California Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Diana Messina, Supervising Water Resources Control Engineer (CVRWQCB)  
Placer County Board of Supervisors  
Kings County Board of Supervisors  
Fresno County Board of Supervisors