



San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation

## Meeting Today's Challenges Planning for Tomorrow



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Mr. Richard Satkowski  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
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Sacramento, CA 95812

*Submitted Via Email:* [rsatkowski@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rsatkowski@waterboards.ca.gov)

**RE: GUIDANCE FOR COMPLYING WITH WATER DIVERSION MEASUREMENT  
REQUIREMENTS FOR STATEMENT HOLDERS**

Dear Mr. Satkowski:

The San Joaquin Farm Bureau represents over 4,100 rural, and farming and ranching members throughout San Joaquin County. We would like to thank the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) for the opportunity to comment on the Guidance for Complying with Water Diversion Measurement Requirements for Statement Holders.

As we understand it, this process is one of many that has stemmed from the 2009 water package as passed by the legislature. We are thankful of your efforts to both communicate, and to learn about the complications that may arise in the implementation of this requirement from the agricultural community.

We would ask that as the Board continues to work with the statement holders, it keeps the requirements both reasonable and economically affordable for all participants. These terms may require some clarification on our part. First by reasonable we mean to ensure a process that is not overly taxing in terms of time and preparation by statement holders. Secondly, we would ask that all opportunities are exhausted to ensure that statement holders do not have an unbalanced economic burden placed upon their cumulative diversion(s).

We again appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this requirement, and look forward to a continued dialogue on this matter. Should you have any questions please contact our staff member Katie Patterson at (209) 931-4931 or [kpatterson@sjfb.org](mailto:kpatterson@sjfb.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BF' with a large flourish underneath.

Bruce Fry  
President