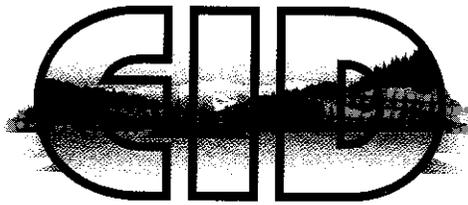


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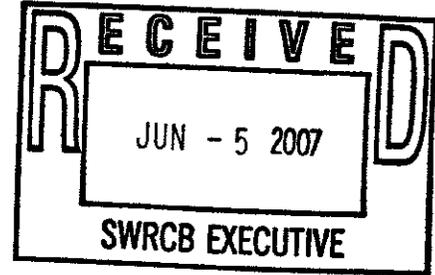
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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL AND EMAIL (commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov)

Members of the State Water Resources Control Board
c/o Song Her, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: June 19, 2007 Water Right Enforcement Workshop

Dear Board Members:

On behalf of El Dorado Irrigation District, I write in support of the joint comments being submitted by a coalition of law and engineering firms for this workshop. Although many specifics of those comments address conditions in the Russian River and other North Coast watersheds, the District supports and finds merit in the underlying themes and recommendations.

In short, the question of water right enforcement cannot be divorced from the more fundamental problem of a water right permitting system that is approaching total gridlock. The root causes of the crisis in water right administration are legion, as the joint comments illustrate, and solutions to that crisis will not come quickly or easily.

Nevertheless, it is imperative that your Board and stakeholders cooperate to define and implement a focused, sustained effort to address that crisis, both because it is among the most pressing challenges facing the SWRCB today, and because it is the most direct route to the goal of crafting a rational, effective water right enforcement policy.



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The District believes that such an effort is in the best interests of stakeholders on all sides of water right and environmental issues. Indeed, the magnitude of the problem cries out for concerted action.

Therefore, we urge the Board to reschedule this workshop for a later date, after the preparation and dissemination of the staff background paper requested by the joint comments. This approach offers the prospect of building consensus for initiatives that will address the underlying causes, rather than merely the symptoms, of the current dysfunction. A more hasty or adversarial approach does not augur success for any party.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these issues of vital importance to all members of the water community, and all residents of the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas D. Campston".

Thomas D. Campston

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