

Overview of Transfer Processing

- Generally Water Code 1725
- Water Right holder fills out Petition form
- Petition submittal (review max 10 days)
 - Fees
 - Acceptance Review
 - Prepare public notice

Necessary Findings

- No injury of other legal users
- No unreasonable affect to fish, wildlife or other instream beneficial uses.
- Only amounts of water consumptively used or stored in absence of transfer.

Public Noticing

- Required before action
- How long? 30 days (now 15 days)
- Post to our website
- Lyris email
- Petitioner: newspaper/post notice

Public Comment

- Staff review of objections received
- Outcome depends on issues raised
 - Acknowledge receiving comment in Order
 - May add term to approval Order to resolve issue.
- Timeline for action (approve or deny): 20 days after close of notice
- If no objections, action within 5 days.

Past Efforts to Improve Transfers

- 1999 Working Group “Guide to Water Transfers”
 - Information needed to complete transfers
 - Review of Water Code and existing regulations
 - Definition of transferable water, determination of consumptive use, applicable refill criteria, impacts on groundwater.
 - Available on our website

Past Efforts to Improve Transfers

- In 2000, the State Water Board workshop led to the development of a *Water Transfer Workgroup*
 - Identified ways to facilitate policies of the State Water Board, CALFED, and the Legislature and Administration.
- In 2002, the workgroup issued a final report in regards to the transfer issues in California.
 - Solutions to resolve issues related to transfers

Past Efforts to Improve Transfers

- Due to the current drought, the State Water Board, Reclamation, DWR, CDFW, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service established a *Water Transfers Working Group*.
 - Meetings
 - Goal

Water Transfer Website

- Water transfer information is available at our [site](#).
 - 2009-[2014](#) Water Transfers
 - List of participants and their current transfer status
 - Water Transfer Program Information, Guide, Workshop, Issues, Water Code section 1707 Instream Flow Dedication
 - Transfer Process Streamlining
 - Notices
 - Forms