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06/07/06 Bmtg Item
Scott River Watershed
Deadline: May 10, 2006

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Via Fax 916 341-5621

Ms. Song Her
Clerk of the Board
SWRCB
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposed Basin Plan Amendment
Scott River

Dear Ms. Her:

On behalf of the South Delta Water Agency, I am submitting the following comments regarding the proposed Basin Plan Amendment for the Scott River.

On page 18 of Chapter 5, *Implementation*, the draft Amendment proposes possible other actions that might be considered if the suggested groundwater study is not done. Among those possible actions, the Regional Board states "it may be appropriate to change how existing water rights are managed, perhaps through the employment of a water master." This statement appears to be overly broad and could be interpreted as suggesting fundamental changes in the existing water rights system of priorities, rather than changes to the already adjudicated groundwater rights in the area.

We assume the subject language is not meant to be given the broader interpretation, and recommend clarification. The Basin Plan amendment process would not be the proper place to discuss changes to the existing water rights system. Such changes would be opposed by SDWA and many other parties.



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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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