This is a message from the State Water Resources Control Board.

On March 28, 2016, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) hearing officers for the California WaterFix (WaterFix) water right change petition hearing received a letter from the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (collectively Petitioners) requesting a 60-day continuance of all dates and deadlines associated with the hearing. On March 28, 2016, the hearing officers also received a request from several parties to dismiss the petition and on March 29, 2016, the State Water Board received additional requests to delay and stay the hearing pending resolution of several matters. All of these documents have been or will be posted on the State Water Board’s website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfix/.

In response to the various requests, the upcoming deadlines are suspended. A ruling will be issued in the near future formally addressing the requests and providing additional information about the hearing schedule. The hearing officers are cognizant of the inconvenience to the other parties of repeated delays to the hearing schedule. Accordingly, to inform our consideration, Petitioners are directed to confirm by noon on Friday, April 1, 2016 that they will be prepared to proceed without further delay should the 60-day continuance be granted.

If you have questions regarding the water right change petition and associated hearing for the WaterFix, you may contact the WaterFix hearing team at (916) 319-0960 or CWFhearing@waterboards.ca.gov.

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