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Dear Sir/Madam:

REPORT ON THE LEGAL CLASSIFICATION OF GROUNDWATER

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has received a report regarding the legal classification of groundwater that represents the work and recommendations of Professor Joseph Sax. Professor Sax did this work under contract with the SWRCB. The SWRCB would like to thank Professor Sax as well as the Technical and Policy Advisory Committees for their time and commitment in this matter.

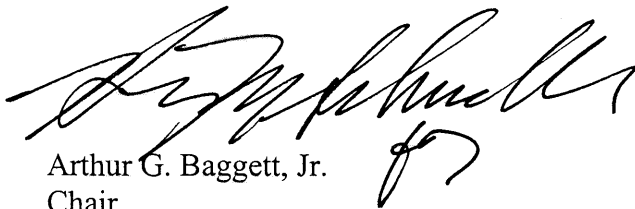
The report is available electronically on-line at www.waterrights.ca.gov under Hearings Program/Special Projects. Copies can also be obtained in paper format for the cost of printing. Contact Cathy Nease in the Division of Water Rights Records Unit at (916) 341-5333 if you wish to receive a paper copy of the report.

The SWRCB will hold two public workshops to receive comments on the report before proceeding with any modification to existing procedures or practices.

The first workshop will be held on April 10, 2002, at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building in Sacramento, California. The second workshop will be held on April 11, 2002, in Ontario, California. Additional information regarding the times and locations of the workshops will be provided in the near future.

Questions concerning this matter may be directed to Ms. Erin Mahaney, Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5187 or to Mr. Paul Murphey, Associate Engineering Geologist, at (916) 341-5435.

Sincerely,



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Chair