



State Water Resources Control Board



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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING AND POSTPONEMENT OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

**Water Right Applications
30680, 30681 and 30682, by the Cities of
Fairfield, Benicia and Vacaville, respectively,
to Divert Water from Barker Slough**

SUBJECT OF HEARING

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will hold this hearing to receive evidence and testimony that will assist the SWRCB in determining whether it should approve, subject to terms and conditions, any or all of Applications 30680, 30681, and 30682 by the Cities of Fairfield, Benicia and Vacaville (Cities), respectively. The Cities propose to divert water from Barker Slough, using available capacity of the existing Barker Slough Pumping Plant and the North Bay Aqueduct (NBA) of the State Water Project, for use in their service areas.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That the public hearing previously scheduled to commence on October 28, 2002, has been

POSTPONED

at the request of the Cities and the State Water Contractors. The deadline for submitting exhibits, which was September 20, 2002, has also been postponed. You will be notified when the hearing is rescheduled and when any submittals will be required. A list of parties to exchange information for the hearing is enclosed with this notice. Future correspondence regarding this matter should be served to this list.

By letter dated September 10, 2002, parties were notified that the hearing would be postponed and that a prehearing conference would be held on October 28, 2002. The prehearing conference previously scheduled for October 28, 2002 has also been postponed. The new date for the SWRCB prehearing conference is November 5, 2002. The purpose of the prehearing conference is to hear reports and ask questions regarding the progress in the negotiations between the Cities, the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Contractors. **All parties who have filed notices of intent to appear in the hearing are requested to attend the November 5, 2002 prehearing conference.**

The prehearing conference will be held at 10:00 a.m.

**Sierra Hearing Room, Second Floor
The Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

SWRCB Chairperson Arthur G. Baggett, Jr. will be the hearing officer presiding over this proceeding. SWRCB hearing team members will be Barbara Leidigh, Staff Counsel IV, Gita Kapahi, Senior Environmental Scientist, and Kyriacos Kyriacou, Water Resources Control Engineer. *Ex parte* communications with members of the hearing team regarding substantive or controversial procedural matters involved in the hearing are prohibited during the pendency of this proceeding. Communications regarding routine, noncontroversial procedural matters should be directed to Barbara Leidigh at (916) 341-5190.

Original Signed By:

Maureen Marché
Clerk to the Board

Enclosure

Date: October 2, 2002