

State Water Resources Control Board

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Arnold Schwarzenegger Governor

February 24, 2004

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Dear Mr. O'Laughlin:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE MARCH 2, 2004 WORKSHOP TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT ORDER REGARDING A PETITION FOR LONG TERM TRANSFER UNDER MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S AND MODESTO AND TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S LICENSES

This letter is in response to your letter dated February 19, 2004 requesting a continuance of the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Public Workshop scheduled for March 2, 2004 to consider the above referenced Draft Order. You request that the Workshop be delayed at least one month in order to allow the Petitioners and the San Joaquin River Group Authority to consult with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation regarding potential impacts of the proposed Order on the San Joaquin River Agreement and the Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan (VAMP). You state that it is not expected to be a "double-step" year and consequently a delay will not affect full implementation of the VAMP this year.

Your request for a delay in the Workshop scheduled for March 2, 2004 is approved. You will be informed of the new Workshop date and the date for submittal of comments on the proposed draft Order in the near future.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Diane Riddle, the staff person assigned to this matter, at (916) 341-5297.

Sincerely,

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Victoria A. Whitney Division Chief

Enclosure

cc: See enclosed mailing list

SERVICE LIST Workshop on VAMP "Double-Step" Petitions Mailing Labels Modified 2/4/04

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