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Subject: Request for Consolidation - WSID and BBID hearings

Dear Parties:

The State Water Resources Control Board is in receipt of the request to consolidate the water availability analysis portions for the hearings in The West Side Irrigation District and Byron Bethany Irrigation District proceedings to commence on March 21, 2016, submitted by The West Side Irrigation District, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District, San Joaquin Tributaries Authority, City and County of San Francisco, South Delta Water Agency, Central Delta Water Agency, and Westlands Water District. The Hearing Team has received written concurrence with the general proposal from the Prosecution Team, the Department of Water Resources, and the State Water Contractors. The Board appreciates the parties' coordinated proposal as to how these two hearings may proceed most efficiently and effectively.

The hearing officers consent to the proposed consolidation of the water availability analysis portions of the hearings in both proceedings, to commence on March 21, 2016 (Phase I). The portions of the proceedings that are specific to each case (Phase II) will commence immediately following completion of Phase I. Therefore, all of the parties to both proceedings should hold their availability from March 21 through March 25; March 28 through March 30; April 1; April 4; and April 6. This consolidation and rescheduling of the hearings is **contingent** upon lack of objection from any party. Any comments or objections to the consolidation and rescheduling must be submitted by **noon, Friday, December 4, 2015** to Wr_Hearing.Unit@waterboards.ca.gov. The parties are advised that the hearing officers will impose time limits on testimony and cross-examination as necessary to complete both phases of the hearings within the scheduled time. Such limits will be further discussed during the scheduled 2nd pre-hearing conference.

The hearing officers intend to issue a formal ruling next week describing the issues to be addressed in each phase of the proceedings, and setting revised deadlines as necessary. Revised deadlines will likely mirror those currently set in the Byron Bethany Irrigation District hearing matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 916-341-5448, or by email at Michael.Buckman@waterboards.ca.gov.

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