Overview of Transfer Processing

• Generally Water Code 1725
• Water Right holder fills out Petition form
• Petition submittal (review max 10 days)
  – Fees
  – Acceptance Review
  – Prepare public notice
Necessary Findings

• No injury of other legal users
• No unreasonable affect to fish, wildlife or other instream beneficial uses.
• Only amounts of water consumptively used or stored in absence of transfer.
Public Noticing

- Required before action
- How long? 30 days (now 15 days)
- Post to our website
- Lyris email
- Petitioner: newspaper/post notice
Public Comment

• Staff review of objections received
• Outcome depends on issues raised
  – Acknowledge receiving comment in Order
  – May add term to approval Order to resolve issue.

• Timeline for action (approve or deny): 20 days after close of notice
• If no objections, action within 5 days.
Past Efforts to Improve Transfers

• 1999 Working Group “Guide to Water Transfers”
  – Information needed to complete transfers
  – Review of Water Code and existing regulations
  – Definition of transferable water, determination of consumptive use, applicable refill criteria, impacts on groundwater.
  – Available on our website
Past Efforts to Improve Transfers

• In 2000, the State Water Board workshop led to the development of a *Water Transfer Workgroup*
  – Identified ways to facilitate policies of the State Water Board, CALFED, and the Legislature and Administration.

• In 2002, the workgroup issued a final report in regards to the transfer issues in California.
  – Solutions to resolve issues related to transfers
Past Efforts to Improve Transfers

• Due to the current drought, the State Water Board, Reclamation, DWR, CDFW, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service established a Water Transfers Working Group.

  – Meetings
  – Goal
Water Transfer Website

- Water transfer information is available at our site.
  - 2009-2014 Water Transfers
    - List of participants and their current transfer status
  - Transfer Process Streamlining
  - Notices
  - Forms