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CC: Barbara Evoy <bevoy@waterboards.ca.gov>
Date: 3/18/2011 10:37 AM
Subject: Fw: Notice of Temporary Water Transfer (Application 14445A) -- Fresno/Kings County - Objection

March 18, 2011

Patricia Fernandez
Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board

Re: Temporary Water Transfer; 10,000 AF to Westland Water District;
Objection by California Fisheries and Water Unlimited

I object to the proposed water transfer for the following reasons:

1. There is no need to transfer water to the Westlands Water District because of existing weather and runoff conditions. The petition must be rejected by the State Water Board for this reason.
2. Water transfers have contributed to significant losses to Delta Smelt, Sacramento Splittail, Chinook salmon and steelhead species, and other fish species at the State and Federal Pumps in the Bay Delta Estuary. The State Water Board has allowed the fish losses at the State and Federal Pumps to be operated without regulating and preventing losses to these species. i.e. During March, April, May, June July, August, September, and October. The petition must be rejected by the State Water Board for this reason.
3. The State Water Board must prevent the banking of regulated surface water into non-regulated groundwater supplies because the Board cannot regulate groundwater unless the groundwater is adjudicated. In the event this water transfer involves transferring surface water into groundwater supplies, the petition must be denied by the State Water Board.

Place these comments into the records.

A written response is requested.

Signed by Robert J. Baiocchi

Robert J. Baiocchi
California Fisheries and Water Unlimited

Attachment (ee below)

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----- Original Message -----

From: <lyris@swrcb18.waterboards.ca.gov>
 To: "Bob Baiocchi" <rbaiocchi@gotsky.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 10:09 AM
 Subject: Notice of Temporary Water Transfer (Application 14445A) -- Fresno/Kings County

This is a message from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Please see the Notice of Temporary Water Transfer pursuant to Water Code section 1725 et seq. posted on the State Water Board's website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2011/14445not.pdf

The subject notice involves the transfer of 10,000 acre-feet of water to areas within the Westlands Water District under the California Department of Water Resources' Permit 16481 (Application 14445A). The comment period for this transfer notice ends at 2:00 p.m. on March 21, 2011.

If you have any questions regarding the notice, please contact Patricia Fernandez at (916) 319-9141 or pfernandez@waterboards.ca.gov.

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