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		DATE:	<u>July 22, 2010</u>

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Date: JUL 21 2010

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From: Department of Water Resources

Subject: Merced Irrigation District 2010 Petition for Temporary Transfer License 11395  
(Application 16186)

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) reviewed the Notice of Petition for Temporary Change dated June 22, 2010 involving the transfer of up to 15,000 acre-feet of water from Merced Irrigation District (MID) to four State Water Project (SWP) contractors. The transfer will be accomplished through release of water previously stored water in Lake McClure. DWR protests the proposed transfer based on potential injury to its water rights.

The transfer has the potential to impact the water rights of DWR if the refill of vacated MID storage occurs during balanced Delta conditions. The notice states that MID is willing to accept refill criteria to assure no impact to downstream water users. The project proponent needs to work with DWR and the Bureau of Reclamation to develop acceptable refill criteria. In addition, project proponent must develop an adequate method for determining the quantity of transfer water released from Lake McClure that makes it to Clifton Court Forebay for diversion through the SWP for the buyers.

DWR will dismiss its protest if adequate refill criteria language and an acceptable method for determining water available at Clifton Court Forebay are included in any order approving the temporary transfer.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call me or Maureen Sergent of my staff at (916) 653-9467.



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