

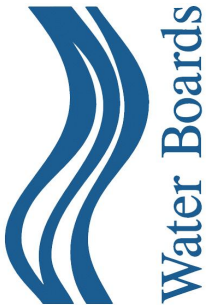


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STATE WATER BOARD APPOINTEE RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION BY STATE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

SACRAMENTO – State Water Resources Control Board Chair Charlie Hoppin today was recommended for reconfirmation to the Board by the State Senate Rules Committee.

Hoppin, of Yuba City, is currently chair of the State Water Board and serves in the position of water quality expert. He was first appointed to the Water Board in 2006 and has served as chair since March 2009. Once confirmed by the full Senate his term runs to January 2014.

“Charlie’s first-hand knowledge of water issues and his ability to balance competing interests makes him vital to the Water Board’s success and a value to the California Environmental Protection Agency. I look forward to having him continue to serve as chair,” said Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection.

Hoppin is a partner in a family-operated diversified farming operation in Yolo and Sutter Counties. The farming operation’s crop base includes fresh market melons, rice, walnuts, and a variety of small grains and oil seed.

Hoppin serves on the California State University Advisory Committee and on the Board of Directors of Farmers Rice Cooperative, where he is currently audit and finance Chairman and Vice Chairman of its Board.

Prior to his appointment to the State Water Resources Control Board, Hoppin served as advisor to then Governor Pete Wilson during the 1997 California Flood Recovery Effort, was a Board Member of Sutter Mutual Water Company and a Member of the State Board of Food and Agriculture. He is past Chairman of the California Rice Industry Association. During his tenure at the Rice Industry Association, Hoppin played a key role in the implementation of many of the industry’s well-recognized environmental stewardship efforts.

1The State Water Board was created by the Legislature in 1967. The Mission of the Board is to ensure the highest reasonable quality for waters of the State, while allocating those waters to achieve a balance of beneficial uses.