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Mr. Arthur Baggett, Jr., Chairman
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Mr. Baggett:

Thank you for your time and consideration of my opinion of the fallowing issue and the transfer of water between the I.I.D. in Imperial County and San Diego. The people of this County have one successful transfer completed with the Metropolitan Water District and no one can question the effort made to complete a transfer with San Diego. Important to note, the M.W.D. transfer contained no fallowing language and the San Diego County Water Authority agreement with I.I.D. contains no fallowing language.

What has taken place is the intervention of outside forces with many noble reasons for saving the Salton Sea, but no funds or a willingness to come up with funds to mitigate the serious issues involved. It seems very irresponsible for Federal, State and other interested agencies to feel the people of Imperial County should bear the mitigation costs associated with fallowing. Big issue here is that no one really knows what those costs are going to be. When the concept of fallowing hit the table, the friends of the I.I.D. left the table. That's not right and it certainly is not fair.

I deal with farm, commercial and residential property values as a Licensed Real Estate Broker and it is ludicrous to believe that fallowing is not going to economically harm one of the poorest Counties in the State of California. We do not need more people out of work to add to one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. It looks to me like we are the smallest kid on the block and unless people like you can deal with this in a reasonable and responsible manner, great harm will be done to this area and to its people.

Sincerely,

Ed Snively