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Mr. Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
Chairman, State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Baggett;

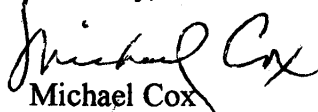
The Imperial County Farm Bureau is intensely interested in the hearings your Board has scheduled regarding the proposed Imperial Irrigation District-San Diego County Water Authority water transfer.

Our organization's members are most of the farmers and landowners in the county. All of them are dependent on Colorado River water, and all may be affected by this proposed water transfer. Unfortunately, the hearings on April 23rd and 24th and such as may follow are scheduled to be held in Sacramento. It is very unlikely many of our members will be able to attend a Sacramento hearing, although they are very interested and will in all likelihood be markedly affected by any decision of the Board.

We are requesting, by this letter, for these hearings to be held in El Centro. Your Board held the D-1600 hearings in El Centro, and as a result, many of the people who were interested were able to attend.

It seems to us that Imperial Valley farmers and landowners should have access to the 2002 hearings. Please consider changing the location of your April meetings from Sacramento to El Centro.

Sincerely,


Michael Cox

President, Imperial County Farm Bureau

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