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Removal of Ronald Perkes and Teresa Kelly as a party to the California WaterFix Project

Hearing

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On October 30, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issued a <u>Notice of Petition and Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference</u> for the California WaterFix Project (WaterFix) water right change

petition hearing. The Petition requests changes in water rights of the Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation needed to add points of diversion of water on the Sacramento River for the WaterFix. The Notice stated that a pre-hearing conference will be held "...on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. and continuing, if necessary, on Friday, January 29, 2016." The Notice also stated that "All parties to the hearing must attend the pre-hearing conference, including those who intend to participate only in Part II of the hearing. Failure to attend the pre-hearing conference may result in exclusion from participation in the hearing."

On January 4, 2016, Ronald Perkes and Teresa Kelly jointly submitted a protest of the California WaterFix petition and were placed on the service list. However, they did not submit a Notice of Intent to Appear nor did they attend the mandatory pre-hearing conference. The procedural rules are necessary for an orderly and efficient proceeding, especially in this hearing due to the number of participants. Parties are expected to and must adhere to hearing notice requirements. Accordingly, the hearing officers have removed Ronald Perkes and Teresa Kelly as a party and, consequently, you may no longer participate in the evidentiary portion of the hearing. Your contact information has been moved to the Interested Parties list, and you may still submit policy statements as provided in the hearing notice, or subsequently revised by the hearing officers.