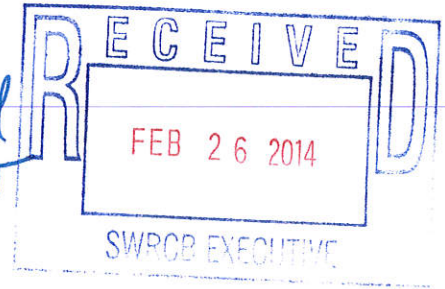


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Re February 26, 2014 Workshop on SWRCB Actions to Increase Water Conservation, Reuse, Recycling and other Drought Related Measures – written comments

Dear Ms. Marcus:

I want to participate in this workshop but I am unable to be in town and in person on February 26. I read all the notices and was upset that there is no process for parties to submit written comments. I complained on process, and how I thought it disenfranchised me, to Mr. Maughan as the notice suggested. I have a problem with process and the access afforded especially to water right holders/users that have the staffs and budgets to control continuation of water rights and use perhaps to the detriment of protection of beneficial uses. So I write contrary to process.

If I was there I would take far less than 5 minutes to present the following four suggestions to Board Members present and staff for water conservation during this current drought:

- 1) Encourage and largely approve regional (in basin) transfers for agricultural uses – within the Sacramento Valley, within the San Joaquin Valley, and within the Tulare Basin – in order to minimize transfers requiring cross delta/south delta exports at the fishery-damaging State and Federal export pumps and fish salvage facilities;
- 2) Transfers from storage. If approved, require a refill agreement that the amount transferred NOT be allowed to be recaptured until the rivers and estuarine ecosystem recovers, from a storage and streamflow basis, from this drought;
- 3) Enforcement, enforcement, enforcement. Enforcement is the tool to stop waste, the thwarting of protection of beneficial uses, and gives all beneficial uses the fairness they are promised and due; and,
- 4) CVP deficiencies. Forty-percent supply for refuges! And all offstream wetlands I will add. If only estuarine fisheries would get 40% of what they need. There is no rationale to this disparate treatment of the ecosystem.

Please share this with your staff receiving this workshop input.

Sincerely,



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