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Mr. Arthur G. Baggett, Jr., Chairman
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
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Dear Mr. Baggett:

I am very interested in the hearings your Board has scheduled to hear testimony about the proposed water transfer from Imperial Irrigation District to the San Diego Country Water Authority.

I am a farmer and farm owner in the Imperial Irrigation District and plan to present testimony regarding how the transfer will affect me and my farm. Attending a several-days hearing in Sacramento would be a hardship for me.

I am requesting by this letter that the hearings, currently scheduled to begin April 23, be held in El Centro, as was done with the D-1600 hearings. Please change the place of the hearing to El Centro if at all possible.

Sincerely,



Larry Gilbert

Cc: Celeste Cantu, Executive Director, SWRCB
✓ Harry M. Schueller, Chief, Division of Water Rights
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