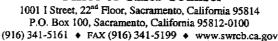
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March 17, 2003

Mr. Gary Carlton Hearing Officer and Board Member State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Dear Mr. Carlton:

HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF LICENSE 5118 OF MASONITE CORPORATION: REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING

On behalf of the Division of Water Rights Enforcement Team, I respectfully request a postponement of the hearing scheduled for April 29, 2003. Charles A. Sawyer has entered into an agreement with Masonite Corporation to purchase their property, including their interest in License 5118. They expect escrow to close on or about March 31, 2003. The Division of Water Rights and Mr. Sawyer expect to settle this matter but cannot formally do so until after close of escrow when Mr. Sawyer becomes the legal owner of the property. We have reached a tentative agreement and expect to formally settle this matter after escrow closes. Rather than prepare, copy, and mail the notice of intent to appear, written testimony, and exhibits only to cancel the hearing due to settlement, I respectfully request that the hearing be postponed to allow the settlement to occur. When we have settled this matter, the hearing should be cancelled.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of the request for postponement. I may be reached at (916) 341-5192 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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