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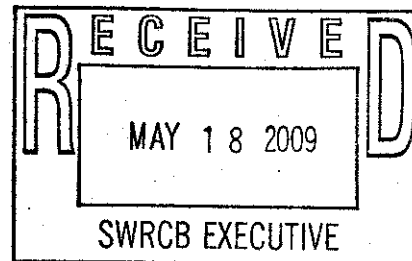
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May 18, 2009

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Re: Draft Order Approving A Change In The Place Of Use Of License And Permits Of The United States Bureau Of Reclamation And California Department Of Water Resources In Response To Drought Conditions (to be considered for adoption by SWRCB on May 19)

Dear Ms. Townsend,

The Department of Water Resources (Department) has reviewed the Draft Order approving the Department's and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) petition to consolidate portions of the places of use for water rights owned by the Department and Reclamation that authorize diversion for the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project (Draft Order).

The Department supports adoption of the Draft Order. The Draft Order, if adopted, will allow the Department and Reclamation to more effectively and efficiently utilize the operational flexibility provided by the Draft Order to facilitate water transfers and exchanges which will, in turn, help minimize the potential impacts of the current critical water shortage within California. We believe the Draft Order has incorporated appropriate conditions to protect the Public Trust and ensure the reasonable use of water.

The Department, along with Reclamation, plans to work quickly to develop and present the required reporting and monitoring plans. Since these plans require Deputy Director approval before any operations under the Draft Order can be initiated, the Department desires that the approval process for the various plans be expedited as much as possible.

We respectfully request that the State Water Resources Control Board adopt the Draft Order without substantial revision at its meeting on May 19, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erick Soderlund".

Erick Soderlund  
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