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Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
Attention: Jane Farwell
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Woods Irrigation Company CDO Hearing June 7, 2010

Dear Sirs:

I represent my father, Warren P. Schmidt, who owns farm land on Roberts Island in San Joaquin County that is served with water from the Woods Irrigation Company. It has just come to his/our attention that the State Board and/or other parties may attempt to define the scope of riparian and/or pre-1914 water rights for lands located currently served with water from Woods Irrigation Company at a hearing currently set for June 7, 2010. At no time has my father, an interested property owner, been served notice about the aforementioned hearing.

Having just learned about the hearing and not being able in such a short period to evaluate and advise him on the potential scope of the Woods Irrigation Company CDO hearing, we respectfully request that the hearing be continued until at least August 2010. My family's interest in land served with water from Woods Irrigation Company dates back to my great grandfather's era and learning about the hearing currently set for June 7, 2010 has come to our family as a complete surprise. We object to the jurisdiction of the State Board to determine our riparian and/or pre-1914 water rights. We further assert that we have been given no notice and should the proceeding go forward it would raise due process concerns and would undoubtedly prejudice my father and any other landowners in any future proceedings.

Again, we request the hearing be continued and each interested landowners receive notice of the hearing and be given adequate time to obtain their own legal counsel and prepare their own presentations of evidence to support their respective water rights. Please advise as soon as possible if there will be a continuance.

Very truly yours,



Howard J. Schmidt
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