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**State Water Resources Control Board**



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Craig McNamara, President  
CA State Board of Food and Agriculture  
1220 N Street, Room 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Marvin Meyers, Chair  
CA State Board of Food and Agriculture  
1220 N Street, Room 400  
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Dear President McNamara and Chair Meyers:

**DISCUSSION ON WATER TRANSFERS**

Thank you for your letter dated November 23, 2011, expressing interest in a discussion with the California Natural Resource Agency, the Department of Water Resources, and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) that would focus on issues related to water transfers. The State Water Board convened a Water Transfers Workgroup in 2000 to identify ways to encourage water transfers. This effort resulted in a final report to the State Water Board in June 2002. The report and other information on water transfers are available on our web page at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_transfers/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_transfers/).

I would be happy to meet with you and the appropriate staff from our respective organizations to discuss your concerns and proposed remedies regarding water transfers. Please have your support staff contact my assistant Sadie Macali at (916)341-5603 so she can set up a meeting with me and my staff. As appropriate, I will have Tom Howard, Executive Director, Caren Trgovcich, Chief Deputy Director and Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director for Water Rights work with your staff to prepare for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Hoppin  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable John Laird  
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