



# State Water Resources Control Board



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October 3, 2002

Mr. Keith G. Wagner  
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Dear Mr. Wagner:

**IID/SDCWA WATER TRANSFER HEARING: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO DRAFT ORDER ISSUED SEPTEMBER 26, 2002**

I have received and reviewed your October 2, 2002 request for an extension of time to file written responses to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) September 26, 2002 Draft Order. I note that your request is on behalf of National Audubon-California, the Planning and Conservation League and Defenders of Wildlife.

As you note in your letter, it is imperative that the SWRCB make its final determination in this matter before the end of the year. While the other Board members and I recognize the importance of this matter and the substantial importance of this proposed transfer in the context of the Quantification Settlement Agreement, we regret that we must deny your request for a time extension.

In order to meet our end of the year deadline, and as stated in our September 26, 2002 letter, we are still requesting that written comments be submitted to the SWRCB by 12:00 p.m. on October 11, 2002. You will also have a brief opportunity to comment on the draft order at the October workshop. Additionally, you may submit comments up until the time that the SWRCB takes action on the order, and we will attempt to address your concerns. However, due to time constraints, the SWRCB may not be able to give full consideration to comments received after October 11. You may, of course, also file a petition for reconsideration of any order adopted by the SWRCB within 30 days of adoption.

We appreciate the tremendous effort of all of the parties during this proceeding and look forward to hearing any comments related to the draft order at the October 16, 2002 workshop.

Sincerely,

*Originally Signed By:*

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