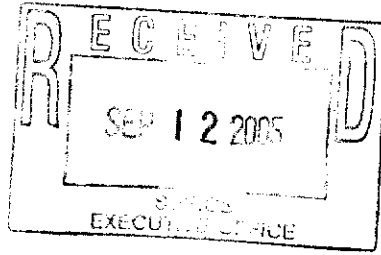




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Re: DWR/USBR Motion to Consolidate and Continue the CDO hearing

Dear Mr. Baggett and Ms. Cantu:

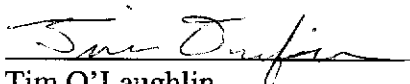
The San Joaquin River Group Authority is opposed to DWR/USBR's Motion to Consolidate and Continue the CDO, etc.... We believe the hearing on the CDO should move forward as planned. The parties have filed their Notices of Intent to Appear. We have prepared our testimony. There is no reason to delay this important hearing.

We also believe the matters should not be consolidated. While these items are interrelated, they are not the same. Although the substantive issues are slightly different, the procedural issues are entirely different. For this reason alone we are of the opinion that due process requires that these three processes remain separate.

Very truly yours,

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