



**State Water Resources Control Board** 

July 16, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

You are receiving this letter because you have one or more water right(s) or water right claim(s) in the Fresno River Watershed on file with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) Division of Water Rights.

The State Water Board is considering a petition submitted by Madera Irrigation District to conduct a statutory adjudication of water rights in the Fresno River Watershed. A statutory adjudication is a process by which the Board investigates and determines the location, quantity, beneficial use, and priority of all water right claims to a river system. The result of a statutory adjudication is a court decree that determines with finality the priority and amount of all water rights in the watershed. Materials related to the petition are available on the State Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\_issues/programs/hearings/fresno\_riv \_adjud/

A Fact Sheet that addresses the statutory adjudication process, background on water rights disputes in the Fresno River Watershed, and a summary of possible actions on the petition is included with this letter and can be accessed at the website provided above.

The Board will consider the petition for statutory adjudication submitted by Madera Irrigation District and a draft resolution regarding the petition at its **September 17, 2019 Board Meeting.** The attached Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Notice of Public Board Meeting contain additional information, including instructions for submitting comments or attending the Board meeting in-person.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



If you believe you have received this letter in error, please contact the Hearings Unit of the Division of Water Rights at (916) 319-0960 or by email at WR\_Hearing.Unit@WaterBoards.ca.gov.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Erik Ekdahl, Deputy Director Division of Water Rights

Enclosures