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To: Ibarra, Angel

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Dear Ms. Ibarra,

Could you please share this article with the Brisbane Planning Commission?

Modesto Bee

October 13, 2015

OID reveals big-money water sale to outside buyers

<http://www.modbee.com/news/article39016221.html>

I bring this to their attention because I know the Brisbane Baylands Project needs to identify a water supply and is hoping to establish a water transfer with the Oakdale Irrigation District.

The article states:

With the drought worsening two years ago, OID formally sought offers from MID and its partners on the Tuolumne River, the Turlock Irrigation District and San Francisco. At the LAFCO meeting, Knell said MID and TID "didn't want any part of it;" at last week's OID meeting, he said, "after meeting with MID, we decided there was no point in pursuing this."

and

Others, such as the Del Puerto Irrigation District near Patterson, would happily buy OID water but have no connection to receive it. MID could "wheel" the water, acting as a broker, by giving Del Puerto some of its supply from the Tuolumne and receiving in exchange a like amount from an MID canal adjacent to one of OID's. But that OID water would have traveled through OID farms, picking up impurities, MID said in a January letter to OID.

I understand the issue of water supply for the Brisbane Baylands Project is scheduled for discussion at the October 29 hearing. It seems prudent to request an update on the proposed OID water transfer for that meeting. It would be good to have more details about this potential roadblock sooner rather than later.

Thank you.

-Peter



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