

# Water Transfers Program

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# Program Purpose

To develop an effective water transfers market, while protecting water rights, the environment and local economic interests.

# Implementing Agencies

- Department of Water Resources
- State Water Resources Control Board
- U. S. Bureau of Reclamation

# Key Activities

- Increase availability of existing conveyance facilities for transfers
- Lower transaction costs through permit streamlining
- Increase availability of market information

# Major Activities

Increase Availability of Existing Facilities for Water Transfers:

- Assistance to transferring parties
- Coordination of water acquisition and transfer programs
- Measurement and Monitoring

# Major Activities Cont.

## Lower Transaction Costs Through Permit Streamlining:

- Refine crop idling definitions
- Review existing and proposed legislation

# Major Activities Cont.

Increase Availability of Market Information:

- On-Tap water transfers data base

# Schedule

- Refined Crop Idling Definition – 01/05
- Measurement and Monitoring – 03/05

## Ongoing Activities:

- Assistance to Transferring Parties
- Acquisition Program Coordination
- Review of Legislation
- On-Tap Operation

# Program Budget

- Current budget: \$446,000 by DWR.
- Program not currently budgeted by SWRCB, USBR.
- Program originally projected to be a 50/50 state and federal cost share.