

TABLE 2

**List of conditions that might affect an interest group's position on out of basin
Great Lakes water diversion projects**

- a. The amount of water diverted by the project would be returned to the Basin either from some other source or in the form of treated wastewater (no net loss of water)
- b. The project is temporary in nature and will be terminated at a set date in the future.
- c. There is no feasible alternative to the water diversion project in order to meet the benefitting community's current water needs.
- d. The water diversion project will have no discernible effect on Great Lakes water levels.
- e. The water diversion project is necessary to meet a crisis or emergency situation.
- f. There are no direct adverse environmental impacts associated with the construction or operation of this proposed water diversion project.
- g. The water diversion project is privately owned and operated rather than publicly owned and operated.
- h. The water diversion project is primarily for the benefit of residential rather than industrial users.
- i. The water diversion project is primarily for the benefit of a community located in a Great Lakes state rather than a community located in a non Great Lakes state.
- j. The water diversion project is proposed for the benefit of a community that already has in place a plan for water conservation, water treatment, and managed growth.

The responses to the survey were divided into Canadian and Michigan⁴⁷ respondents to detect any differences in response based upon the group's political jurisdiction. Both Canadian and Michigan non governmental respondents generally agreed that the conditions that would increase their organization's support for a water diversion were as follows:

- a. The amount of water diverted by the project would be returned to the Basin either from some other source or in the form of treated wastewater (no net loss of water).

⁴⁷In a few cases, respondents were federal or interstate in nature and represented states in addition to Michigan.