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## State Water Resources Control Board

### Notice of Water Right Application T033409

Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (SVGMD) filed a temporary water right permit application with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights, pursuant to Water Code section 1425 et seq. The project associated with the application is located in Sierra County and would divert water from Smithneck Creek. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

#### Summary of Water Right Application T033409

##### Type of Temporary Permit: 180-Day Temporary Permit

**Date of Filing:** The application was filed with the State Water Board on December 19, 2023.

**Source of Water:** The source of water is Smithneck Creek, which is tributary to the Feather River, thence the Delta.

**Amount:** The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 480 acre-feet , which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 2 cubic feet per second.

**Season of Diversion:** The season for diversion of water would be from December 1 to March 31, 2024.

**Point of Diversion:** The point where water would be diverted is located at North 2,365,950 feet and East 7,063,658 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the SE (¼) quarter of the NW (¼) quarter of Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 16 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

**Purpose of Use:** The purposes of use for water are fish and wildlife preservation and/or enhancement, domestic, and incidental irrigation.

**Place of Use:** The water diverted will be used during the spring and summer of the same year of diversion. Water would flow southeast from the recharge area to the northwest towards the city of Loyalton and in the direction of the wetland meadow complex further northwest. The water would be used within the Sierra Valley Management District service area and within an area overlying the Sierra Valley groundwater basin.

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**Location and Type of Infiltration:** The SVGMD will use a three-inch diameter HDPE Pipe (Arnold Palmer Diversion Pipeline) to divert water from the Smithneck Creek point of diversion along 5,300 feet of piping northeast to the field for on-farm recharge. On-farm recharge will take place on 102.6 acres of combined pasture and dormant agricultural fields.

**Use Accounting:** The water stored underground would make its way to the wetland meadow complex identified on maps on file with the State Water Board, for the beneficial use of instream fish and wildlife enhancement. Water would also serve domestic wells and incidental irrigation uses within the groundwater basin area. All diverted water would be used within the calendar year of the diversion.

## **Water Rights Records Database**

Documentation related to this application is available by accessing the State Water Board's electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) database:

- Go to <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ewrims/>
- Select "eWRIMS Database System" to open the eWRIMS Database
- Select "Accept" to accept the Public Records Act notice
- Select "Water Rights Records Search"
- Enter the application number in the "Application ID" field, then select "Search"
- Select the application number on the left side of the results to open the record
  - Select "View Document" to see the application and related documentation
  - Select "View Map" to see the application map
  - Select the "Map It" button to open the record in the eWRIMS GIS viewer

## **Procedure for Filing Objections**

Pursuant to Water Code section 1428, any interested person may file an objection against the approval of the subject application. Objections should be submitted via email to the staff contact listed below but may also be submitted via regular mail or hand delivered. If objections are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the staff contact listed below.

Objections must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **4:30 p.m.** on January 24, 2024, with copy provided to the applicant. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file an objection.

Pursuant to Water Code section 1428, the board may issue a temporary permit in advance of public notice. Consequently, a temporary permit may be issued on the application before the end of the noticing period.

## Contact Information

Please direct all requests and inquiries regarding this notice to Benjamin McCovery at [Benjamin.McCovery@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Benjamin.McCovery@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 327-8595 (email is the preferred means of communication). Written correspondence should be addressed to:

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights,  
Attn: Benjamin McCovery, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

All written correspondence directed to the applicant should be addressed to:

Jenny Grant, P.O. Box 88 Chilcoot, CA 96105

**Date of Notice:** The date that this public notice was issued is **December 22, 2023.**