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Petition for Change to add Oak Flat Water District to the State Water Project Authorized Place of Use

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) petitions the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) pursuant to Water Code Section 1700 et seq to change the State Water Project (SWP) place of use to correct the inadvertent omission of the Oak Flat Water District (OFWD), a State Water Project long-term contractor, from the authorized place of use specified in its water rights permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482 (Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512). Although OFWD is located adjacent to the California Aqueduct and the long-term SWP contract was executed prior to the approval of DWR's water rights, its service area was inadvertently omitted from the maps submitted to the SWRCB showing the proposed SWP place of use and was subsequently omitted from the authorized place of use. DWR is not proposing any change in the amount or purpose of use of the SWP deliveries to OFWD. The proposed project will not change the operations of the SWP nor result in any changes in annual diversions through the SWP Banks Pumping Plant.

OFWD is a small agricultural district located adjacent to the California Aqueduct in Stanislaus County approximately three miles south of the city of Patterson. The District was formed on October 13, 1964, for the purpose of obtaining an irrigation supply from the SWP. SWP water is the sole supply of irrigation water within OFWD. The original district consisted of 2,158 acres. Additional land was annexed to the district in 1970, 1972, and 1974, expanding OFWD to its current size of 4,015 acres. OFWD entered into a long-term water supply contract with DWR on March 23, 1965 for delivery of up to 5,700 acre-feet of SWP water per year. Initial year of delivery from the SWP was 1968. OFWD has received water from the SWP each year since 1968. OFWD first used its full SWP allocation in 1970. Although the size of the district increased following execution of the SWP contract, OFWD's SWP allocation did not, resulting in no net increase in overall water use within the district.


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Attached are copies of the Petition for Change, the environmental information form, and the Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration prepared by DWR. The Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration was filed with the Office of Planning and Research on July 28, 2005. Also attached are: (1) a check for the \$20,000 fee to the SWRCB and another \$850 to the Department of Fish and Game; and (2) a map showing the areas of the proposed change.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call Maureen Sergent of my staff at (916) 653-9467.

Sincerely,



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