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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PETITIONS

This form is required for all petitions.

Before the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) can approve a petition, the State Water Board must consider the information contained in an environmental document prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This form is not a CEQA document. If a CEQA document has not yet been prepared, a determination must be made of who is responsible for its preparation. As the petitioner, you are responsible for all costs associated with the environmental evaluation and preparation of the required CEQA documents. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and submit any studies that have been conducted regarding the environmental evaluation of your project. If you need more space to completely answer the questions, please number and attach additional sheets.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES OR WORK REMAINING TO BE COMPLETED

For a petition for change, provide a description of the proposed changes to your project including, but not limited to, type of construction activity, structures existing or to be built, area to be graded or excavated, increase in water diversion and use (up to the amount authorized by the permit), changes in land use, and project operational changes, including changes in how the water will be used. For a petition for extension of time, provide a description of what work has been completed and what remains to be done. Include in your description any of the above elements that will occur during the requested extension period.

The District owns and operates a WWTF designed to service a student and faculty population of approximately 1,300 persons at the McCabe Union Elementary School District. The WWTF has a current total design capacity of 0.015 MGD, and consists of a lift station and two packaged treatment plants that operate in series. The District is currently discharging pursuant to Order R7-2012-0012 (previously discharged pursuant to R7-2007-0035, amended by Order R7-2009-0011) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0104281. This permit allows up to 0.015 MGD of treated wastewater to be discharged into surface waters, specifically the Wildcat Drain, a tributary to the New River.

The District proposes to cease surface water discharge of the effluent per the NPDES discharge permit and commence ground discharge into infiltration/evaporation ponds per a WDR permit. This entails discharging the treated effluent to land where it will infiltrate into the ground and be evaporated into the air. No changes are proposed for the wastewater treatment process; thus, the quantity and quality of the discharged effluent and any associated solids (sludge) will not change.

Based on the area evaporation data and tested infiltration rates used to size the infiltration/evaporation ponds, a total area of 75,000 square feet is sufficient to dispose of the effluent if the WWTF is operating at its maximum capacity of flow of 0.015 MGD. To accomplish the objective of ground discharge of its treated effluent, the District proposes to construct and operate three (3) infiltration/evaporation ponds. The Ponds would have a bottom area of 37,500 square feet (SF) each, totaling 112,500 square feet adjacent to the existing bus shed area of McCabe Elementary School.

As part of the Project, a new 3 inch force main will be installed to transfer the effluent from the new pump station to the new drying beds. No change in wastewater treatment is proposed. The wastewater effluent will continue to be treated and disinfected prior to discharge.

No demolition of any existing structures is proposed as a part of this project. No new roads are proposed as a part of this project.

As requested by the Imperial Irrigation District (IID), the Project also includes the disconnection of the facilities used to discharge effluent into the Wildcat Drain and the disconnection of existing tile lines originally intended for leaching of agricultural lands.

Finally, the perimeter of the Project site will be surrounded by a six-foot tall chain link fence to prevent human contact with the treated and disinfected wastewater, which previously was discharged into the New River through its tributaries.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Coordination with Regional Water Quality Control Board

For change petitions only, you must request consultation with the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the potential effects of your proposed change on water quality and other instream beneficial uses. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.) In order to determine the appropriate office for consultation, see: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.shtml. Provide the date you submitted your request for consultation here, then provide the following information.

Date of Request

5/4/15

Will your project, during construction or operation, (1) generate waste or wastewater containing such things as sewage, industrial chemicals, metals, or agricultural chemicals, or (2) cause erosion, turbidity or sedimentation?

Yes No

Will a waste discharge permit be required for the project?

Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Local Permits

For temporary transfers only, you must contact the board of supervisors for the county(ies) both for where you currently store or use water and where you propose to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.) Provide the date you submitted your request for consultation here.

Date of Contact

For change petitions only, you should contact your local planning or public works department and provide the information below.

Person Contacted:

Date of Contact:

Department:

Phone Number:

County Zoning Designation:

Are any county permits required for your project? If yes, indicate type below. Yes No

- Grading Permit Use Permit Watercourse Obstruction Permit
 Change of Zoning General Plan Change Other (explain below)

If applicable, have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide copies. Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

The District is currently in the process of obtaining the grading permit. The negative declaration has been approved by the county for the change of Zoning and the General Plan Change.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Federal and State Permits

Check any additional agencies that may require permits or other approvals for your project:

- Regional Water Quality Control Board Department of Fish and Game
- Dept of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams California Coastal Commission
- State Reclamation Board U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

Have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide copies. Yes No

For each agency from which a permit is required, provide the following information:

| Agency | Permit Type | Person(s) Contacted | Contact Date | Phone Number |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| RWQCB Colorado River | WDR | Jose Cortez | 4/22/15 | 760.776.896 |
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If necessary, provide additional information below:

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Construction or Grading Activity

Does the project involve any construction or grading-related activity that has significantly altered or would significantly alter the bed, bank or riparian habitat of any stream or lake? Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Archeology

Has an archeological report been prepared for this project? If yes, provide a copy. Yes No

Will another public agency be preparing an archeological report? Yes No

Do you know of any archeological or historic sites in the area? If yes, explain below. Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Archeology was addressed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration on page 26-28

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Photographs

For all petitions other than time extensions, attach complete sets of color photographs, clearly dated and labeled, showing the vegetation that exists at the following three locations:

- Along the stream channel immediately downstream from each point of diversion
- Along the stream channel immediately upstream from each point of diversion
- At the place where water subject to this water right will be used

Maps

For all petitions other than time extensions, attach maps labeled in accordance with the regulations showing all applicable features, both present and proposed, including but not limited to: point of diversion, point of redirection, distribution of storage reservoirs, point of discharge of treated wastewater, place of use, and location of instream flow dedication reach. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 715 et seq., 794.)

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 794, petitions for change submitted without maps may not be accepted.

All Water Right Holders Must Sign This Form:

I (we) hereby certify that the statements I (we) have furnished above and in the attachments are complete to the best of my (our) ability and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. Dated at .

Laura Dubbe

Water Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature

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NOTE:

- **Petitions for Change** may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition was served on the Department of Fish and Game. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.)
- **Petitions for Temporary Transfer** may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition was served on the Department of Fish and Game and the board of supervisors for the county(ies) where you currently store or use water and the county(ies) where you propose to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.)