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# State Water Resources Control Board

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### **NOTICE OF PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE FOR LICENSES 10191 AND 10192 (APPLICATIONS 8042 AND 8043) OF CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER**

COUNTY: MONO

STREAM SYSTEM: RUSH CREEK  
LEE VINING CREEK

The City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1468, Los Angeles, CA 90051-0100, filed petitions with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on April 14, 2011, requesting renewal of Temporary Urgency Change of the subject licenses pursuant to California Water Code section 1435.

The basis of the temporary urgency change petitions is to continue Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (Los Angeles) temporary modified operation of Rush and Lee Vining Creeks at newly recommended flows and to test recommendations proposed in the April 30, 2010 Synthesis of Instream Flow Recommendations (Synthesis Report) by State Water Board approved stream scientists who oversee the Mono Lake Stream Monitoring and Restoration Program. The temporary flow changes will allow Los Angeles and the stream scientists to test the recommended flow changes and test the feasibility of implementing operations in Los Angeles' Operation Plan. Implementation of the Operation Plan is intended to improve and benefit the Rush and Lee Vining Creeks' fisheries and further stream ecosystem recovery. The two petitions are identical and request approval in order to:

- 1) Test the recommended flow changes for Rush and Lee Vining Creeks.
- 2) Test the implementation of operational measures that don't require facilities modifications.
- 3) Respond to questions regarding the feasibility of some of the operational changes by testing the changes, developing answers to operational questions raised in the Synthesis Report, and determining if there are better or alternative recommendations to improve fishery habitat.
- 4) Gather testing data regarding Synthesis Report recommendations to use as part of the planned facilitated resolution process. The facilitated process is being used to address differing opinions regarding the feasibility of some of the Synthesis Report re-operation proposals.

Los Angeles is currently operating under State Water Board Order WR 2010-0031-DWR, which allows a two-year measurement period for Los Angeles' export.

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**Summary of Existing Licenses**

Sources:	(1) Lee Vining Creek, (2) Walker Creek, (3) Parker Creek, (4) Rush Creek
Points of Diversion:	(1) Within the NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 20, T1N, R26E; (2) Within the NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 4, T1S, R26E; (3) Within the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 9, T1S, R26E; (4) Within the NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 15, T1S, R26E, all within MDB&M
Points of Rediversion:	Grant Lake, within the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 15, T1S, R26E; Long Valley Reservoir, within the SE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 19, T4S, R30E; Tinemaha Reservoir, within the NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 26, T10S, R34E; Los Angeles Aqueduct intake, within the NE ¼ of SW ¼, T11S, R34E; and Haiwee Reservoir, within the SW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 2, T21S, R37E, all within MDB&M
Amount:	16,000 acre-feet per annum
Season:	January 1 through December 31
Purpose of Use:	Municipal and power use
Place of Use:	Within the service area of the Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles, as shown on map on file with the Division of Water Rights.

**Petitions for Temporary Urgency Change**

Project information and information on how to submit an objection (please refer to section titled "Protest Submittal Requirements" and use the protest form) can be found at the following link:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/applications/transfers\\_tu\\_notices/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml). Objections are not processed in the same manner as protests. The procedure for addressing an objection is found in Water Code section 1438.

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1438(d), any interested party may file an objection to the changes proposed with the petitions. The contact person for this matter, Greg Brown, can be reached at (916) 323-1847 or by e-mail at [gbrown@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gbrown@waterboards.ca.gov). Any objection must be received by the Division of Water Rights by **4:30 pm on May 18, 2011**.

Date of Notice: April 19, 2011