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State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE PETITIONS MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT LICENSES 11395 AND 11396 (APPLICATIONS 16186 AND 16187) DIVERSION FROM MERCED RIVER IN MERCED AND MARIPOSA COUNTIES

Due to the critically dry conditions this year in the Merced River and San Joaquin River watersheds, on March 20 and April 8, 2014, Merced Irrigation District (MID) filed Temporary Urgency Change Petitions (TUCP) with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) pursuant to California Water Code sections 1435 and 1707 et seq. The requested changes would allow the transfer of up to 5,000 acre-feet (af) of water for instream flow dedication in the Merced River and eventual use of that water within the San Luis Water District (SLWD) and/or Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD). The redirection of water to SLWD and/or SCVWD will proceed consistent with the April 8, 2014 Central Valley Project and State Water Project Drought Operations Plan and the State Water Board's April 18, 2014 Order Modifying an Order that Approved a Temporary Urgency Change in License and Permit Terms and Conditions Requiring Compliance with Delta Water Quality Objectives in Response to Drought Conditions. MID has also requested temporary relaxation of both minimum bypass flow requirements in the Merced River and minimum pool requirements in Lake McClure that will both facilitate the transfer as well as allow MID's customers to receive additional water during this critically dry water year.

Pursuant to Water Code section 1438 (a), the State Water Board may issue a temporary change order in advance of the public notice, and on April 22, 2014, the Division conditionally approved the TUCPs.

The Division's April 22 Order approving MID's TUCPs, Licenses 11395 and 11396, and related project information can be viewed at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1438(d), any interested person may file an objection to the TUCPs. The procedure for addressing an objection is described in Water Code section 1438. Objections filed in response to this notice should be submitted to the persons listed below and must be received by noon on **June 3, 2014**.

Send objections to both:

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For more information regarding this project, including procedures for filing objections, please contact Kate Gaffney at (916) 341-5360 or kathryn.gaffney@waterboards.ca.gov.

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