

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.

Petition for Change to Permits and Licenses of Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Permit for the State Water Project (SWP)
Application Number 14443, Permit 16479

U. S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) License and Permits for the Central Valley Project (CVP)
Application Numbers: 23, 234, 1465, 5626, 5628, 5638, 9363, 9364, 9366, 9367, 9368, 13370, 13371, 15374, 15375, 15376, 15764, 16767, 16768, 17374, 17376, 22316

DWR and Reclamation are requesting that the State Water Resources Control Board modify their permits to temporarily change the authorized place of use of in both agencies permits consolidate the SWP and CVP authorized place of use downstream of Banks and Jones Pumping Plants in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The changes will allow DWR and Reclamation to more efficiently utilize the operational flexibility of the combined SWP and CVP facilities and water supply south of Banks and Jones in order to minimize to some extent the severe impacts to water users south of the Delta caused by unavailability of adequate SWP and CVP Project water supplies in 2014.

California is entering its third straight year of below-average rainfall and very low snowmelt runoff. Reservoir levels throughout the state were already significantly below average in October at the beginning of the 2013/2014 water year. The low initial storage and extremely dry conditions experienced since January 2013 have resulted in significant reductions in water supplies and will likely lead to critical water shortages in 2014. Because of the relentless dry pattern, on January 29 DWR announced that no 2014 supply would be allocated this year, which if not increased over the course of the year would represent the largest allocation deficiency for Municipal and Industrial contractors on record. Reclamation will announce its water supply allocations in mid to late February. CVP contractors anticipate similar dramatic cuts in allocations.

Water supply conditions are classified as "Critical" for both the Sacramento and San Joaquin River basins. Forecasts for Water Year 2014 indicate it is likely to be one of the most severe drought years in California's history. Extremely low reservoir storage levels are forecasted for this year in Northern California. Governor Brown declared a state of Emergency on January 17, 2014 citing the critically dry conditions in 2014 following two previous dry years. The Governor recognized the importance of maximizing the flexibility of the projects to allow exchanges of existing Project supplies in Directives 5 and 9 of the Proclamation which direct DWR and SWRCB to expeditiously process a petition to consolidate the SWP and CVP places of use to facilitate Project water exchanges.

The requested change is necessary to help alleviate to some extent the impacts of the water shortages to users within the SWP and CVP service areas downstream of the Delta pumping facilities, and to facilitate the most efficient use of limited Project water that is available. The change will not result in the diversion of additional water from the Delta or a change in timing of diversions.

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

2/12/2014

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:

N/A

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

2/12/2014

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:

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
N/A				

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:

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 rediversion, 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 .


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.)