# State of California State Water Resources Control Board DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

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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

See Attachment No. 1

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.

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# Coordination with Regional Water Quality Control Board

For change petitions only, you must reques Water Quality Control Board regarding the	Date o	Date of Request			
change on water quality and other instream tit. 23, § 794.) In order to determine the aphttp://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboard date you submitted your request for consul information.	February 23, 2018				
Will your project, during construction or operwastewater containing such things as seward or agricultural chemicals, or (2) cause eros	age, industrial chemicals, metals,	O Yes	<b>()</b> No		
Will a waste discharge permit be required f	for the project?	O Yes	<ul><li>No</li></ul>		
If necessary, provide additional information See Attachment No. 1	n below:				
Insert the attachment number here, if applic	cable: 1				
Local Permits					
For temporary transfers only, you must con		Date of	Date of Contact		
county(ies) both for where you currently sto to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.) your request for consultation here.	February 28, 2018				
For change petitions only, you should containformation below.	act your local planning or public works o	department and	d provide the		
Person Contacted: Not Applicable.	Date of Contact:	,			
Department:	Phone Number:				
County Zoning Designation:					
Are any county permits required for your pro	oject? If yes, indicate type below.	) Yes (	O No		
Grading Permit Use Permi	it Watercourse (	Obstruction Pe	rmit		
Change of Zoning General P	lan Change Other (explain b	pelow)			
lf applicable, have you obtained any of the p	permits listed above? If yes, provide co	pies. O Ye	es O No		
If necessary, provide additional information	below:				
Not Applicable.					
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Insert the attachment number here, if applica	able:				

# 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 Not Applicable. If necessary, provide additional information below: Not Applicable. 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? If necessary, provide additional information below: Not Applicable. Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

**Federal and State Permits** 

Archeology		
Has an archeological report been prepared for this project? If yes, provide a copy.	OYes	<ul><li>No</li></ul>
Will another public agency be preparing an archeological report?	OYes	<ul><li>No</li></ul>
Do you know of any archeological or historic sites in the area? If yes, explain below.	OYes	<ul><li>No</li></ul>
If necessary, provide additional information below:  Not Applicable.  Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:		
<b>Photographs</b> See Attachment No. 1		
For all petitions other than time extensions, attach complete sets of color photographs, 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		ed and
Maps See Attachment No. 1		
For all petitions other than time extensions, attach maps labeled in accordance with the applicable features, both present and proposed, including but not limited to: point of diversion, distribution of storage reservoirs, point of discharge of treated wastewater, location of instream flow dedication reach. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 715 et seq., 79 Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 794, petitions for change s may not be accepted.	version, poir , place of us 4.)	nt of se, and
All Water Right Holders Must Sign This Form:  I (we) hereby certify that the statements I (we) have furnished above and in the attachment the best of my (our) ability and that the facts, statements, and information presented are best of my (our) knowledge. Dated February 29, 100 at Secretary 19, 100 at	e true and o	correct to the
NOTE		

#### NOTE:

- <u>Petitions for Change</u> 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.)

## Attachment No. 1

# to Environmental Information for Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers License 1718 (Application 575) Held by River Garden Farms

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

River Garden Farms (RGF) is petitioning to temporarily add a point of diversion, place of use, and purposes of use to the water right identified above in order to make surface water available for transfer to the Zone 7 Water Agency (Agency) by groundwater substitution. The State Water Project's (SWP) Banks Pumping Plant is proposed to be added as a point of diversion; and a portion of the service area of the SWP is proposed to be added as a place of use. The purposes of use proposed to be added are municipal, industrial, and domestic, in addition to the existing purpose of use for irrigation. These proposed additions would authorize the transfer of water to the Agency in order to provide an additional water supply. There is no change to RGF's existing points of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use.

The quantity of surface water proposed to be made available by groundwater substitution, up to 5,748 AF prior to subtracting streamflow depletion loss, involves the use of groundwater pumped upon overlying lands in exchange for a like amount of surface water that will remain instream for diversion at the proposed additional point of diversion. Absent the proposed temporary transfer, RGF would have diverted the total proposed transfer quantity of 5,748 AF from the Sacramento River pursuant to its License 1718. The proposed temporary transfer does not involve any construction or other physical changes to RGF's facilities.

Petitions for temporary transfer of water pursuant to Water Code Section 1725 are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). RGF is preparing an Environmental Assessment and Initial Study for the proposed water transfer pursuant to the requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act and also, additional documentation under CEQA. Based on the requirements associated with the environmental documents being prepared, and in accordance with the Draft Technical Information for Preparing Water Transfer Proposals, dated December 2015 published by the Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, RGF will implement the relevant, applicable measures for the proposed 2018 Water Transfer.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

The present points of diversion and the proposed additional point of diversion include existing facilities that are well known and documented with the Division of Water Rights (Division). In addition, the present and proposed places of use are also well known and documented with the Division. Therefore, for these reasons, RGF respectfully requests that said documentation be made a part of the record for the petition.

River Garden Farms License 1718 Attachment No. 1 to Environmental Information Form

#### **MAPS**

The present points of diversion and place of use are shown on a map filed with the Division for License 1718. The proposed additional point of diversion for the SWP's Banks Pumping Plant is shown on maps filed with the Division for Application 5630. The proposed additional place of use is a portion of the SWP service area, as shown on Map 1878 – 1 on file with the Division under Application 5630. RGF respectfully requests that said maps be made a part of the record for the petition.