



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGES FOR LICENSE 1986 AND PERMITS 11885, 11886, AND 11887 (APPLICATIONS 23, 234, 1465, AND 5638) OF THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

On January 30, 2023, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division), petitions for temporary urgency change (TUCPs) for the above-listed water rights pursuant to California Water Code section 1435 et seq. With the TUCPs, Reclamation seeks to divert or redivert water bypassed at the Friant Dam and/or stored in Millerton Lake that must be released or bypassed by Friant Dam due to flood operations. The water will be for delivery to wildlife refuges and to conduct groundwater recharge by water users within the existing place of use under License 1986 and Permits 11885, 11886, and 11887. In order to facilitate the delivery of water, Reclamation requests to temporarily add Mendota Dam as a point of diversion and rediversion to water right License 1986 and Permits 11885, 11886, and 11887. Diversions of water pursuant to the TUCPs will comply with State Water Board Revised Decision 1641 and all applicable biological opinions or other restrictions. The temporary urgency changes are requested to be in effect through July 30, 2023.

Reclamation's TUCPs and related project information can be viewed at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/petitions/temporary_urgency.html

Pursuant to Water Code section 1438, subdivision (d), any interested person may file an objection regarding the TUCPs. Objections filed in response to this notice should be submitted to the persons listed below and must be received by **4:30 p.m. on March 3, 2023**. All objections submitted on the TUCPs during the noticing period will be considered by the State Water Board. Please be advised that the State Water Board may issue an order approving or denying the TUCPs before the end of the noticing period. All objections received will be considered promptly, and an amended order may be issued if necessary to address objections.

Send comments to both:

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Contact Information

Copies of the petitions and related documentation, including maps, are available upon request. Please direct all requests and questions regarding this notice to Arvin Chi by e-mail at arvin.chi@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondences or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Arvin Chi, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Date of Notice: **February 17, 2023**