
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Water Right Applications A023475, A023727, and A024257 and Petitions for Change for Permit 15582 (Application 17149) and License 5646 (Application 12574)

The North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD) has filed three applications to appropriate water by permit and two petitions for change with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights. The project associated with the applications and petitions is located in Placer County and would divert water from the Lake Tahoe stream system.

The applications were filed with the State Water Board on March 31, 1970, March 16, 1971, and December 12, 1972, respectively. Action on the applications was delayed due to the negotiation of the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA). On December 1, 2015, the federal watermaster began implementation of TROA and the interstate allocations under the 1990 Truckee-Carson Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act (Settlement Act) took effect. The diversion, storage, and use of water from the Lake Tahoe stream system under water rights issued by the State Water Board, including any rights issued for Applications A023475, A023727, and A024257, will be conditioned in accordance with the provisions of TROA and the Settlement Act.

On November 15, 2024, the State Water Board approved petitions to make changes to the applications as follows: for application A023475, changes to the point of diversion, purpose of use, and place of use; for application A023727, changes to the point of diversion and place of use; and, for application A024257, changes to the points of diversion, place of use, and a reduction in the application's maximum rate of diversion and maximum annual amount of water diverted. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 792, subdivision (a)(2) requires that the State Water Board re-notice the applications.

NTPUD has also filed two petitions for change: (1) a petition for change for Permit 15582 was filed on June 5, 2023; and, (2) a petition for change for License 5646 was filed on January 30, 2020.

Summary of Water Right Applications

Date of Filing: The applications were filed on the following dates: Application A023457 on March 31, 1970; Application A023727 on March 16, 1971; and Application A023475 on December 12, 1972.

Source of Water: The source of water for all three applications is Lake Tahoe's Agate Bay, which is tributary to the Truckee River.

Amount: The maximum combined amount of water requested for diversion for all three applications, as well as all of the NTPUD's other surface water rights, is 2,829 acre-feet per year, which would be diverted at a combined rate not to exceed 5.34 cubic feet per second. The individual amounts for each application are: (1) 208 acre-feet per year for Application A023457, which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 0.5 cubic foot per second; (2) 416 acre-feet per year for Application A023727, which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 1 cubic foot per second; and (3) 2,829 acre-feet per year for Application A024257, which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 5.34 cubic feet per second.

Season of Diversion: The season for diversion of water for all three applications is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Point of Diversion: The point where water will be diverted for all three applications is the NTPUD's Lake Tahoe Intake (formerly National Ave Intake) in Lake Tahoe's Agate Bay, located at North 2,217,713 feet and East 7,114,333 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purpose of Use: The purpose of use for water for all three applications is Municipal.

Place of Use: The place of use for water for all three applications is the NTPUD service area, which is approximately 4,200 acres located within all or a portion of sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 33, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, and sections 18, 19, and 30, Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Summary of Water Right Permit 15582 and Requested Changes

Source of Water: The source of water is Lake Tahoe tributary to the Truckee River.

Amount: Water may be diverted at a rate not to exceed 3 cubic feet per second. The maximum combined amount of water that NTPUD may divert each year under this permit and permits 13525 and 15581 may not exceed 240 acre-feet per month or 1,900 acre-feet per year.

The petition does not propose a change to the rate or amount of water diverted.

Purpose of Use: The purpose of use for water is municipal, domestic, recreational, and fire protection.

The petition does not propose a change to the purpose of use.

Season of Diversion: The season of diversion of water is January 1 to December 31 of each year.

The petition does not propose a change to the season of diversion.

Point of Diversion: Water is diverted at the NTPUD's Lake Tahoe Intake (formerly National Ave Intake) in Lake Tahoe's Agate Bay, located at North 2,217,713 feet and East 7,114,333 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

The petition does not propose a change to the point of diversion.

Place of Use: The place of use for water is a portion of the NTPUD service area, which is located in Sections 18, 19, and 30, Township 16 North, Range 18 East, and Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, and to include Tahoe Marina and Tahoe Estates Subdivision at Tahoe Vista generally located within the East half of the Northwest quarter of Section 14, the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 11, and the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

The petition proposes to change the place of use to NTPUD's service area, which is approximately 4,200 acres located within all or a portion of Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 33, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, and Sections 18, 19, and 30, Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Summary of Water Right License 5646 and Requested Changes

Source of Water: The source of water is Griff Creek tributary to Lake Tahoe.

The petition proposes to change the source of water from Griff Creek to Lake Tahoe.

Amount: Water may be diverted at a rate not to exceed 1 cubic foot per second.

The petition does not propose a change to the rate or amount of water diverted.

Season of Diversion: The season of diversion is January 1 to December 31 of each year.

The petition does not propose a change to the season of diversion.

Point of Diversion: Water is diverted from a point located within Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

The petition proposes to change the point of diversion as follows: (1) remove the point of diversion on Griff Creek and (2) add the NTPUD's Lake Tahoe Intake (formerly National Ave Intake) in Lake Tahoe's Agate Bay, located at North 2,217,713 feet and East 7,114,333 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purpose of Use: The purpose of use for water is municipal.

The petition does not propose a change to the purpose of use.

Place of Use: The place of use for water is a portion of the NTPUD service area, which is located in Sections 18, 19, and 30, Township 16 North, Range 18 East and within Sections 12, 13, and 14, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, all within Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

The petition proposes to change the place of use to NTPUD's service area, which is approximately 4,200 acres located within all or a portion of Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 33, Township 16 North, Range 17 East, and Sections 18, 19, and 30, Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Water Rights Records Database

Documentation related to these applications and petitions is available by accessing the State Water Board's electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) database:

- Go to <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ewrims/>
- Select "eWRIMS Database System" to open the eWRIMS Database
- Select "Accept" to accept the Public Records Act notice
- Select "Water Rights Records Search"
- Enter the application (A) number in the "Application ID" field, then select "Search"
- Select the application number on the left side of the results to open the record
 - Select "View Document" to see the application/petition and related documentation
 - Select "View Map" to see the application/petition map
 - Select the "Map It" button to open the record in the eWRIMS GIS viewer

Procedure for Filing Protests

Pursuant to Water Code sections 1330 and 1703.1, any interested person may file a protest against the approval of the subject applications and petitions. Protests should be submitted via email to the staff contact listed below but may also be submitted via regular mail or hand delivered. If protests are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the staff contact listed below. For hand delivery, please contact the State Water Board's Water Rights Records Room at (916) 341-5300 or dwr@waterboards.ca.gov to make an appointment. Protests must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **May 9, 2025**, with copy provided to the applicant/petitioner. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file a protest. For more information regarding protests, please refer to the following web page:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/docs/protests.pdf

Contact Information

Correspondence and questions regarding this notice should be directed to Amin Afshar at amin.afshar@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 322-8568 (email is the preferred means of communication). Correspondence sent by mail should be addressed to:

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Amin Afshar,
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Correspondence directed to the applicant should be addressed to:

North Tahoe Public Utility District, c/o Brad Johnson, General Manager,
PO Box 139, Tahoe Vista, CA, 96148

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is March 10, 2025.