
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Temporary Permit Application T033514

Scott Valley Irrigation District (SVID) filed a temporary permit application with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights, pursuant to Water Code section 1433.3 et seq. The project associated with the application is located in Siskiyou County and would divert water from the Scott River stream system. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

Summary of Temporary Permit Application T033514

Type of Temporary Permit: 5-year Temporary Permit

Date of Filing: The application was filed with the State Water Board on August 18, 2025.

Source of Water: The source of water is the Scott River, which is tributary to the Klamath River, thence the Pacific Ocean.

Amount: The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 5,400 acre-feet per year, which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 30 cubic feet per second.

Seasons of Diversion: The season for diversion of water would be from December 15 through March 31 of each diversion season for a period of five years, beginning December 15, 2025 and ending March 31, 2030.

Point of Diversion (POD): The point where water would be diverted is located at North 2,408,391 feet and East 6,329,790 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 1, North American Datum 1983, within the NW (¼) quarter of the NE (¼) quarter of Section 2, Township 41 North, Range 9 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purpose of Use: The purpose of use for water is Fish and Wildlife Preservation and/or Enhancement.

Place of Use: The place of use is within the Scott River between upstream River Mile 46.7 and downstream River Mile 21.

Location and Type of Infiltration: Recharge would occur through on-farm recharge and through infiltration of the SVID service ditch. On-farm recharge areas are located along the 13.2-mile SVID service ditch on the east side of Scott Valley. Along the

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service ditch are turnouts that deliver water into lateral ditches for flood irrigation and infiltration. Water would also be infiltrated through the unlined service ditch, utilizing the entire 13.2-mile length.

Use Accounting: The water stored underground would naturally make its way back into the Scott River with the intention of enhancing summer and fall flows for the beneficial use of fish and wildlife enhancement. The effectiveness of this recharge effort would be measured using shallow piezometers located along SVID's Service Ditch. Eight groundwater wells instrumented with pressure transducers on the east side of the Scott River would measure groundwater levels. Additionally, measurements of isotopic composition will be used to determine the fate of recharge.

Water Rights Records Database

Documentation related to temporary permit applications were previously available through the State Water Board's electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) database, but that system is currently unavailable. For access to the application documents, please contact Benjamin McCovery at (916) 327-8683 or Benjamin.McCovery@waterboards.ca.gov (email is the preferred means of communication).

Procedure for Filing Objections

Pursuant to Water Code section 1433.3, any interested person may file an objection against the approval of the subject application. Objections should be submitted via email to the staff and applicant contact listed below but may also be submitted via regular mail or hand delivered. If objections are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the contact listed below.

Objections must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **September 22, 2025**, with copy provided to the applicant. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file an objection.

Contact Information

Please direct all requests and inquiries regarding this notice to Benjamin McCovery at (916) 327-8683 or Benjamin.McCovery@waterboards.ca.gov (email is the preferred means of communication). Written correspondence should be addressed to:

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

All correspondence directed to the applicant should be emailed to Jim Morris at Jim@bryanmorrisranch.com, or mailed to:

Scott Valley Irrigation District
Attn: Jim Morris
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P.O. Box 216
Fort Jones, CA 96032

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is **August 22, 2025.**