
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Temporary Permit Application T033518

Modoc and Lassen County GSAs 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 Lassen and Modoc Counties and would divert water from Big Valley Canal, Ash Creek, and Pitt River, all tributaries to the Sacramento River. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

Summary of Temporary Permit Application T033518

Type of Temporary Permit: 5-Year Temporary Permit

Date of Filing: The application was filed with the State Water Board on September 3, 2025.

Sources of Water: Water would be diverted from the Big Valley Canal and Ash Creek, tributaries to Pitt River, and directly from Pitt River, which is tributary to the Sacramento River.

Amount: The maximum combined amount of water requested for diversion is 650 acre-feet (af) per year, which would be diverted at a combined maximum flow rate not to exceed 10 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Seasons of Diversion: The season for diversion would be from December 1 to March 14 for a five-year period, beginning December 1, 2025 through March 14, 2030.

Points of Diversion (POD): The application proposes using up to three points of diversion as described below.

Quail Ranch (rate of up to 4 cfs and volume up to 650 af)

(POD 1) By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 1, North 2,319,010 feet and East 6,805,398 feet, Section 25, Township 39 North, Range 7 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Ash Creek Wildlife Canal (rate of up to 3 cfs and volume up to 650 af)

(POD 2) By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 1, North 2,302,996 feet and East 6,814,563 feet, Section 8, Township 38 North, Range 8 East, Mount Diablo

Base and Meridian.

Ash Creek Upland (rate of up to 3 cfs and volume up to 650 af)

(POD 3) By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 1, North 2,316,676 feet and East 6,828,193 feet, Section 27, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purposes of Use: Uses would include irrigation, municipal and domestic.

Place of Use: The water would be used within 92,000 acres of the Big Valley groundwater subbasin.

Location and Type of Infiltration: Water would be delivered to on-farm recharge areas for infiltration to underground storage.

- Diverted water from POD #1 will be infiltrated over a field of about 160 acres.
- Diverted water from POD #2 will be infiltrated over a field of about 130 acres.
- Diverted water from POD #3 will be infiltrated over a field of about 130 acres.

Use Accounting: The water stored underground would serve the domestic needs of approximately 730 people, the municipal needs of the Lassen County Waterworks District 1, and irrigation needs within the Big Valley groundwater subbasin.

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 Erica Thompson at (916) 323-5177 or Erica.Thompson@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 **October 10, 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 Erica Thompson at (916) 323-5177 or Erica.Thompson@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: Erica Thompson
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

All correspondence directed to the applicant should be directed to either Tiffany Martinez, or Gaylon Norwood, at:

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Attn: Tiffany Martinez
204 South Court Street, Alturas, CA 96101
tiffanymartinez@co.modoc.ca.us

County of Lassen
Attn: Gaylon F Norwood
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GNorwood@co.lassen.ca.us

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