
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Water Right Application T033545

The Town of Windsor has filed an application for a 5-Year Temporary Permit to appropriate water with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights. The project associated with the application is located in Sonoma County and would involve diversion of water from the Russian River.

Summary of Water Right Application T033545

Date of Filing: The application was filed with the State Water Board on July 31, 2026.

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

Diversion Method and Amount: Water would be diverted via five existing wells adjacent to the Russian River and conveyed via the Town of Windsor's existing potable supply distribution system to two injection wells located on a town-owned parcel two miles east of the Russian River. The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 200 acre-feet per year, which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 0.67 cubic feet per second.

Season of Diversion: Diversion would occur annually from December 1 through April 30 of the succeeding year, beginning December 1, 2027, and continuing for five consecutive diversion seasons, with the final season ending April 30, 2032. The Applicant requested that the commencement of diversion be delayed until the 2027 diversion season because the electrical pump controllers necessary to operate the injection well pumps could not be obtained in time for the 2026 diversion season.

Points of Diversion (POD):

Water would be diverted from five PODs:

- Well #10 – located at North 1,965,354 feet and East 6,316,857 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, Projected Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 9 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, within the Sotoyome Rancho.
- Well #11 – located at North 1,965,266 feet and East 6,316,822 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, Projected Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 9 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, within the Sotoyome Rancho.

- Well #9 – located North 1,965,191 feet and East 6,316,776 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, Projected Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 9 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, within the Sotoyome Rancho.
- Well #7 – located North 1,965,120 feet and East 6,316,760 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, Projected Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 9 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, within the Sotoyome Rancho.
- Well #8 – located North 1,965,042 feet and East 6,316,737 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, Projected Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 9 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, within the Sotoyome Rancho.

Purpose of Use: Municipal.

Place of Use: The place of use for water is within the Town of Windsor's service area which includes 7,704 acres gross as shown on map submitted with the application.

Location and Type of Infiltration: Water diverted from the Russian River would be conveyed to the Town of Windsor's Aquifer Storage and Recovery wells for injection into two shallow aquifers during the requested diversion season for later extraction during the dry season.

Application Record and Documents

Information regarding the application record and related documents is available in the State Water Board's California Water Accounting, Tracking, and Reporting System (CalWATRS). To access CalWATRS and view the application record and related documents, please refer to the guidance material available here:

<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/upward/calwatrs/resources/viewing-an-application-record-and-related-documents.pdf>

Procedure for Filing Objections

Pursuant to Water Code section 1433, any interested person may file an objection against the approval of the subject application. Objections should be submitted via email to WaterRightApplications@waterboards.ca.gov but may also be submitted via U.S. mail or hand delivered. If objections are sent by U.S. mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to WaterRightApplications@waterboards.ca.gov. For U.S. mail, please address protests to the State Water Board mailing address below. For hand delivery, please contact the State Water Board's Water Rights Records Room at dwr@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5300 to make an appointment. Objections must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **October 5, 2026**, with copy provided to the applicant. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file an objection. For more information about formulating an objection, 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 directed to the State Water Board regarding this matter should be directed to WaterRightApplications@waterboards.ca.gov (preferred means of communication) or (916) 323-7705.

Correspondence sent by mail should be addressed as follows:

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

Correspondence directed to the applicant should be addressed as follows:

Town of Windsor
c/o Elizabeth Cargay
Windsor Road, Building 100
Windsor, CA 95492

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is September 4, 2026.