

State of California
State Water Resources Control Board
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PETITIONS

This form is required for all petitions.

Before the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) can approve a petition, the State Water Board must consider the information contained in an environmental document prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This form is not a CEQA document. If a CEQA document has not yet been prepared, a determination must be made of who is responsible for its preparation. As the petitioner, you are responsible for all costs associated with the environmental evaluation and preparation of the required CEQA documents. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and submit any studies that have been conducted regarding the environmental evaluation of your project. If you need more space to completely answer the questions, please number and attach additional sheets.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES OR WORK REMAINING TO BE COMPLETED

For a petition for change, provide a description of the proposed changes to your project including, but not limited to, type of construction activity, structures existing or to be built, area to be graded or excavated, increase in water diversion and use (up to the amount authorized by the permit), changes in land use, and project operational changes, including changes in how the water will be used. For a petition for extension of time, provide a description of what work has been completed and what remains to be done. Include in your description any of the above elements that will occur during the requested extension period.

See Attachment No. 1

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Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Coordination with Regional Water Quality Control Board

For change petitions only, you must request consultation with the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the potential effects of your proposed change on water quality and other instream beneficial uses. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.) In order to determine the appropriate office for consultation, see: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.shtml. Provide the date you submitted your request for consultation here, then provide the following information.

Date of Request

March 8, 2016

Will your project, during construction or operation, (1) generate waste or wastewater containing such things as sewage, industrial chemicals, metals, or agricultural chemicals, or (2) cause erosion, turbidity or sedimentation?

Yes No

Will a waste discharge permit be required for the project?

Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

See Attachment No. 1

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Local Permits

For temporary transfers only, you must contact the board of supervisors for the county(ies) both for where you currently store or use water and where you propose to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.) Provide the date you submitted your request for consultation here.

Date of Contact

March 9, 2016

For change petitions only, you should contact your local planning or public works department and provide the information below.

Person Contacted:

Date of Contact:

Department:

Phone Number:

County Zoning Designation:

Are any county permits required for your project? If yes, indicate type below. Yes No

- Grading Permit
- Use Permit
- Watercourse
- Obstruction Permit
- Change of Zoning
- General Plan Change
- Other (explain below)

If applicable, have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide copies. Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Federal and State Permits

Check any additional agencies that may require permits or other approvals for your project:

- Regional Water Quality Control Board Department of Fish and Game
- Dept of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams California Coastal Commission
- State Reclamation Board U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

Have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide copies. Yes No

For each agency from which a permit is required, provide the following information:

Agency	Permit Type	Person(s) Contacted	Contact Date	Phone Number
Not Applicable.				

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Construction or Grading Activity

Does the project involve any construction or grading-related activity that has significantly altered or would significantly alter the bed, bank or riparian habitat of any stream or lake? Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Archeology

Has an archeological report been prepared for this project? If yes, provide a copy. Yes No

Will another public agency be preparing an archeological report? Yes No

Do you know of any archeological or historic sites in the area? If yes, explain below. Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Photographs See Attachment No. 1

For all petitions other than time extensions, attach complete sets of color photographs, clearly dated and labeled, showing the vegetation that exists at the following three locations:

- Along the stream channel immediately downstream from each point of diversion
- Along the stream channel immediately upstream from each point of diversion
- At the place where water subject to this water right will be used

Maps See Attachment No. 1

For all petitions other than time extensions, attach maps labeled in accordance with the regulations showing all applicable features, both present and proposed, including but not limited to: point of diversion, point of rediversion, distribution of storage reservoirs, point of discharge of treated wastewater, place of use, and location of instream flow dedication reach. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 715 et seq., 794.)

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 794, petitions for change submitted without maps may not be accepted.

All Water Right Holders Must Sign This Form:

I (we) hereby certify that the statements I (we) have furnished above and in the attachments are complete to the best of my (our) ability and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. Dated 3-7-2016 at Yuba City, Ca.

Water Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature

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NOTE:

- Petitions for Change may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition was served on the Department of Fish and Game. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.)
- Petitions for Temporary Transfer may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition was served on the Department of Fish and Game and the board of supervisors for the county(ies) where you currently store or use water and the county(ies) where you propose to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.)

Attachment No. 1
to Environmental Information for
Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers
License 9063 (Application 10529)
Held by Sutter Extension Water District

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Sutter Extension Water District (SEWD) is petitioning to temporarily add a point of diversion, point of rediversion, place of use, and purposes of use to the water right identified above in order to transfer up to 17,433 AF to participating State Water Contractor (SWC) Agencies by groundwater substitution and crop idling/shifting. The State Water Project's (SWP) Banks Pumping Plant is proposed to be added as a point of diversion; San Luis Reservoir is proposed to be added as a point of rediversion; and a portion of the service area of the SWP is proposed to be added as a place of use. The purposes of use proposed to be added are municipal, industrial, and domestic, in addition to the existing purpose of use for irrigation. These proposed additions would authorize the transfer of water to the SWC Agencies during May through September 2016. The proposed 2016 Water Transfer will provide the SWC Agencies with an additional water supply during the current drought conditions, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order B-36-15 dated November 13, 2015, which states the orders and provisions contained in the initial State of Emergency Drought Proclamation dated January 17, 2014, and subsequent Proclamations and Executive Orders, remain in full effect. There is no change to SEWD's existing points of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use.

The quantity of surface water proposed to be made available by groundwater substitution, up to 4,540 AF prior to subtracting streamflow depletion loss, involves the use of groundwater pumped upon overlying lands in exchange for a like amount of surface water that will remain instream for diversion at the proposed additional point of diversion. The quantity of surface water proposed to be made available for transfer by crop idling and/or crop shifting, up to 12,893 AF, involves only the consumptive use savings as a result of actions by growers within SEWD's boundaries. Absent the proposed temporary transfer, SEWD would have diverted the total proposed transfer quantity of 17,433 AF from the Feather River pursuant to its License 9063. The proposed temporary transfer does not involve any construction or other physical changes to SEWD's facilities.

Petitions for temporary transfer of water pursuant to Water Code Section 1725 are exempt from CEQA. In addition, the Governor's Executive Order B-36-15 continues to assist in expediting water transfers pursuant to the suspension of environmental review required by CEQA that was initially suspended by the Governor's Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency dated April 25, 2014. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority have prepared an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) regarding Long-Term Water Transfers for the period of 2015 through 2024, pursuant to the requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and CEQA. Although the EIS/EIR does not include SEWD's proposed 2016 Water Transfer to the SWC Agencies, Reclamation and DWR have incorporated portions of the

EIS/EIR in the Draft Technical Information; and the relevant, applicable measures will be implemented by SEWD for the proposed 2016 Water Transfer in accordance with the Draft Technical Information. A copy of the Final EIS/EIR is available at:
<http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=18361>.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The present points of diversion and the proposed additional points of diversion and redirection include existing facilities that are well known and documented with the Division of Water Rights (Division). In addition, the present and proposed places of use are also well known and documented with the Division. Therefore, for these reasons, SEWD respectfully requests that said documentation be made a part of the record for the petition.

MAPS

The present points of diversion and place of use are shown on a map filed with the Division for License 9063. The proposed additional point of diversion for the SWP's Banks Pumping Plant and the proposed additional point of redirection for San Luis Reservoir are shown on maps filed with the Division for Application 5630. The proposed additional place of use is a portion of the SWP service area, as shown on Map 1878 – 2, 3, and 4 on file with the Division under Application 5630. SEWD respectfully requests that said maps be made a part of the record for the petition.