

## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGES FOR LICENSE 1986 AND PERMITS 11885, 11886, AND 11887 (APPLICATIONS 23, 234, 1465, AND 5638) OF THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

On May 14, 2019, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division), petitions for temporary urgency change (TUCPs) for the above-listed water rights pursuant to California Water Code section 1435 et seq. Reclamation anticipates that there will be excess stored water in Millerton Lake this year as a result of higher than average snowpack and runoff in the San Joaquin River watershed. With the TUCPs, Reclamation seeks to use water stored in Millerton Lake that is not needed by Friant Division contractors or the San Joaquin River Restoration Program for delivery to various wildlife refuges for fish and wildlife enhancement purposes. In order to facilitate use of the excess water at the refuges, Reclamation requests to temporarily add Mendota Dam as a point of rediversion to water right License 1986 (Application 23) and Permits 11885, 11886, and 11887 (Applications 234, 1465, and 5638). Diversions of water pursuant to the TUCPs will comply with State Water Board Revised Decision 1641 and all applicable biological opinions or other restrictions. The temporary urgency changes are requested to be in effect May 15 through September 30, 2019.

Reclamation's TUCPs and related project information can be viewed at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/applications/transfers\\_tu\\_notices/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml)

Pursuant to Water Code section 1438(a), the State Water Board may issue an Order approving or denying a TUCP in advance of public notice.

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1438(d), any interested person may file an objection regarding the TUCPs. Objections filed in response to this notice should be submitted to the persons listed below and must be received by **4:30 p.m. on July 15, 2019**. Objections may be provided via email prior to the deadline; however, a copy of the original signed letter of objection must be subsequently filed with the Division.

Send comments to both:

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For more information regarding this matter please contact Kate Gaffney at (916) 341-5360 or by email at [kathryn.gaffney@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kathryn.gaffney@waterboards.ca.gov).

Date of Notice: **June 14, 2019**

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