
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Minor Change to Water Right Application A031556

A minor change has been initiated under Water Code section 1700.4 to make minor changes to water right application A031556 of Hendrik Smeding. The project associated with the application and minor change is in Napa County and would divert water from the Putah Creek stream system.

Summary of Water Right Application A031556

Date of Filing: The application was filed with the State Water Board on October 9, 2001.

Sources of Water: The sources of water are: (1) an Unnamed Stream tributary to Snell Creek thence Butts Creek thence Putah Creek thence Lake Berryessa; (2) Snell Creek tributary to Butts Creek thence Putah Creek thence Lake Berryessa; and (3) Butts Creek tributary to Putah Creek thence Lake Berryessa.

Season of Diversion: The season for diversion of water is from November 1 of each year through April 30 of the succeeding year.

Amount: The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 400 acre-feet per year by collection to onstream storage and diversion to offstream storage at a rate not to exceed 10 cubic feet per second.

Points of Diversion: Water will be diverted from 4 points:

- Point of Diversion 1 is a point of diversion by collection to storage in an onstream reservoir and redirection to storage of water diverted at point of diversion 2. The point is located at North 2,019,675 feet and East 6,441,740 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of projected Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 5 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- Point of Diversion 2 is a point of diversion by diversion to storage in an offstream reservoir and the reservoir at point of diversion 2. The point is located at North 2,020,976 feet and East 6,439,951 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of projected Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 5 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

- Point of Diversion 3 is a point of diversion by diversion to storage in an offstream reservoir. The point is located at North 2,018,964 feet and East 6,440,174 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of projected Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 5 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- Point of Diversion 4 is a point of diversion by diversion to storage in an offstream reservoir. The point is located at North 2,018,289 feet and East 6,444,462 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of projected Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 5 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purposes of Use: The purposes of use for water are irrigation, frost protection, heat control, and incidental recreational.

Places of Use: The place of use for recreational use of water is at the reservoirs. The place of use for irrigation, frost protection, and heat control of water is 340 acres within projected sections 16, 17, 20, and 21, Township 17 North, Range 16 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Summary of Minor Change

Sources of Water: The sources of water will not change.

Season of Diversion: The season for diversion of water will not change.

Amount: The maximum amount of water requested for diversion to storage will be changed by removing the proposed onstream reservoir at point of diversion 1 and the proposed offstream reservoir that would store water diverted from point of diversion 4, thereby reducing the total amount of water to be diverted to storage to 147 acre-feet per year at a rate not to exceed 30 cubic feet per second.

Points of Diversion: The points where water is diverted will be changed by removing point of diversion 4 and changing the method of diversion at point of diversion 1 by removing the collection of water to storage in a proposed onstream reservoir.

Purposes of Use: The purposes of use for water will not been changed.

Places of Use: The place of use for water will be changed by reducing the place of use for irrigation, frost protection, and heat control to 204 acres within projected sections 16, 17, 20, and 21, Township 17 North, Range 16 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Water Rights Records Database

Documentation related to the application and minor change is available by accessing the State Water Board's electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) database:

- Go to <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ewrims/>
- Select “eWRIMS Database System” to open the eWRIMS Database
- Select “Accept” to accept the Public Records Act notice
- Select “Water Rights Records Search”
- Enter the application number in the “Application ID” field, then select “Search”
- Select the application number on the left side of the results to open the record
 - Select “View Document” to see the application and related documentation
 - Select “View Map” to see the application map
 - Select the “Map It” button to open the record in the eWRIMS Geographic Information System viewer

Procedure for Filing Comments

Pursuant to Water Code section 1700.4, any interested person may submit comments regarding the proposed minor change. Comments should be submitted via email to the staff contact listed below but may also be submitted via mail or hand delivered. If comments are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the staff contact listed 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. Comments must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **May 15, 2025**.

Contact Information

Correspondence and questions regarding this notice should be sent to Phillip Zoucha at Phillip.Zoucha@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 323-4641. Correspondence sent by mail should be addressed as follows:

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

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is April 30, 2025.