

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

In the Matter of Water Right Application A031774

Larry W. Thatcher

ORDER APPROVING MINOR CHANGE TO APPLICATION

SOURCE: Unnamed Stream tributary to South Fork Cottonwood Creek thence
Cottonwood Creek thence the Sacramento River

COUNTY: Tehama

WHEREAS:

1. On June 5, 2009, water right application A031774 was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) to appropriate water from the Cottonwood Creek stream system in Tehama County. Larry W. Thatcher (applicant) is the current owner of the application.
2. The application was publicly noticed on April 8, 2011. No protests were received.
3. On August 6, 2025, the State Water Board initiated a minor change to modify Application A031774 as follows:
 - a. Reduce the storage amount from 64.5 acre-feet per year to 45 acre-feet per year; and,
 - b. Change the purposes of use by removing domestic and adding incidental domestic.
4. On August 21, 2025, the State Water Board provided notice and an opportunity to provide comments regarding the minor change to the applicant and other interested parties. No comments were received.
5. The State Water Board may make a minor change to an application without requiring the filing of a petition for change if the Board finds all of the following:
 - a. The change does not enlarge or increase the authorized rate, amount, or season of diversion.

- b. The change does not increase the total area subject to inundation by water diverted to storage or the area where facilities will be constructed.
- c. The change is not substantial or constitutes a reduction, agreed to by the applicant, in the authorized diversion, affected area, or other feature of the application.
- d. The change does not have the potential to adversely affect the water supply of other legal users of water or instream beneficial uses.

(Wat. Code, § 1700.4.)

- 6. The proposed changes will not enlarge or increase the authorized rate, amount, or season of diversion. The amount of water diverted will be reduced from 64.5 acre-feet per year to 45 acre-feet per year. The rate of diversion and season of diversion will not change.
- 7. The proposed changes will not increase the total area subject to inundation by water diverted to storage or the area where facilities will be constructed. The area inundated by storage will be reduced when the storage amount is reduced. No construction is proposed in the application.
- 8. The proposed changes are not substantial or constitute a reduction, agreed to by the applicant, in the authorized diversion, affected area, or other feature of the application. The amount of water for diversion has been reduced and changes to the purposes of use are not substantial.
- 9. The proposed changes do not have the potential to adversely affect the water supply of other legal users of water or instream beneficial uses. There are no diverters of record located on the unnamed stream and the changes will not adversely affect instream beneficial uses.
- 10. Pursuant to Resolution 2012-0061, the State Water Board has delegated the authority to conduct and supervise the activities of the State Water Board to the Executive Director. By memorandum dated April 28, 2022, the Executive Director has redelegated the authority to act on minor changes to the Deputy Director for Water Rights. The Deputy Director for Water Rights has further redelegated this authority pursuant to a memorandum dated April 20, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The minor change to the application is approved.
- 2. The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is changed to 45 acre-feet per year.

3. The purposes of use are changed by removing domestic and adding incidental domestic.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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Dated: September 19, 2025