

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE, AND PETITION FOR TIME EXTENSION FOR WATER RIGHT PERMIT 21032 (APPLICATION 26454) OF CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

On May 14, 2021, Cawelo Water District (Cawelo) filed a petition for change and extension of time for water right Permit 21032 (Application 26454) with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights (Division). With the change and time extension petitions, Cawelo seeks to add an additional point of diversion, change the purpose of use, change the distribution of storage, and extend Permit 21032 time through 2041 to complete beneficial use. Following is a summary of the permit, and the changes requested with the petitions.

Summary of Permit 21032 and Proposed Changes:

Source:

Poso Creek tributary to Tulare Lake

Point of Direct Diversion, Diversion to Storage, and Diversions to Underground Storage:

Existing:

Point of Direct Diversion, and Diversion to Underground Storage (Concrete Diversion Structure)

(1) Within Northwest quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

Point of Diversion to Underground Storage, and Diversion to Storage (Sand Dam #2)

(2) Within Southwest quarter of Southwest quarter of Section 23, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

Points of Diversion to Underground Storage (Sand Dams #3 through #8)

(3) Within Northeast quarter of Northeast quarter of Section 26, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

(4) Within Southwest quarter of Northeast quarter of Section 22, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

(5) Within Northeast quarter of Northeast quarter of Section 21, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

(6) Within Northeast quarter of Southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

(7) Within Southeast quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

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(8) Within Southeast quarter of Northwest quarter of Section 8, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

Proposed:

Additional point of diversion to underground storage that is within Southeast quarter of Northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 27 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

Season of Diversion:

November 1 to June 14 of the succeeding year

Amount of Water:

Existing:

- 110 cubic feet per second (cfs) by direct diversion
- 50 acre-feet per annum (afa) by surface storage
- 17,899 afa to be collected to underground storage at a maximum rate of 40 cfs
- The maximum amount of water to be taken from the source shall not exceed 30,000 acre-feet per water year

Proposed:

Redistribution of 110 cfs by direct diversion at the Concrete Diversion Structure to 35 cfs by direct diversion and 75 cfs by diversion to underground storage (12,051 afa). Remove the 50 afa of surface storage and redistribute its storage capacity limit to underground storage at the Concrete Diversion Structure, for a total of 12,101 afa. During periods when the Sand Dam Structures washout, the authorized 40 cfs diversion is redirected to the Concrete Diversion Structure, allowing a total diversion rate to underground storage of up to 115 cfs. The amount of water diverted under Permit 21032 is proposed to be as follows:

- 35 cfs by direct diversion at the Concrete Diversion Structure
- 12,101 afa to be collected to underground storage at a maximum rate of up to 115 cfs (Concrete Diversion Structure)
- 17,899 afa to be collected to underground storage at a maximum rate of up to 40 cfs (Sand Dam Structures)
- The combined maximum diversion rate to underground storage at both the Concrete Diversion Structure and the Sand Dam Structures is limited to 115 cfs
- The maximum amount of water to be taken from the source shall not exceed 30,000 acre-feet per water year

Purpose of Use:

Existing:

Irrigation and Stockwatering

Proposed:

Remove Stockwatering

Place of Use:

Within the Cawelo service area boundary as shown on map on file with the Division.

Time to Complete Beneficial Use:

Existing: December 31, 2009

Extension Requested with Petition: December 31, 2041

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1703.1, any interested person may file a protest to the proposed changes. Protests filed in response to this notice should be submitted to the persons listed below and must be received by the Division by 4:30 p.m. on **December 22, 2025**. Protests may be provided via email prior to the deadline; however, a copy of the original signed letter of protest must be subsequently filed with the Division. Protest requirements and submittal information can be found here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/docs/protestsubmittalinfo.pdf

Send protests to both:

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To request copies of the petitions or for more information regarding this matter please contact Arvin Chi by email at Arvin.Chi@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date of Notice: **November 20, 2025**