
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF MINOR CHANGE REQUEST FOR LICENSE 10623 (APPLICATION 21323)

County: Mendocino

Source: Hammerhorn Creek

The Mendocino National Forest (Petitioner) has requested a minor change under Water Code section 1700.6 to modify License 10623 (Application 21323). Below is a summary of the water right and the requested change:

Summary for License 10623 (Application 21323):

Source: Hammerhorn Creek tributary to Middle Fork Eel River

Point of Diversion (POD): Within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 8, Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purpose of Use: Recreation

Diversion Rate and Amount: 2.0 cubic feet per second and the total amount of water diverted under License 10623 shall not exceed 495 acre-feet per year.

Season: May 15 to September 15 of each year

Place of Use: Hammerhorn Lake, being within the Southwest quarter of Northeast quarter, Northwest quarter of Southeast quarter, Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter, and Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 8; within Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Requested Minor Change for License 10623:

The Petitioner proposes relocating the POD approximately 0.04 mile downstream on Hammerhorn Creek to replace the diversion structure destroyed in the August Complex fire. The original POD, established under License 10623 in 1976 outside designated wilderness area, is now within the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness. The relocation would place the new diversion structure outside the wilderness area. The proposed POD will be located within the same quarter-quarter section (the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 8; within Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian).

Procedure For Filing Comments:

Pursuant to Water Code section 1700.6, any interested person may submit comments regarding the proposed minor changes. Comments should be submitted via email to the staff contact listed below but may also be submitted via regular 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 18, 2026**.

Staff Contact Information:

Correspondence and questions regarding this notice should be sent to Reza Ghasemizadeh at Reza.Ghasemizadeh@waterboards.ca.gov. Correspondence sent by mail should be addressed as follows:

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

Date of Notice: **May 1, 2026**