

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

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

In the Matter of Water Right Application A023393

South Tahoe Public Utility District

ORDER APPROVING MINOR CHANGE TO APPLICATION

SOURCE: Lake Tahoe tributary to the Truckee River

COUNTY: El Dorado

WHEREAS:

1. On November 7, 1969, the South Tahoe Public Utility District (applicant) filed water right application A023393 with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) to appropriate water from the Lake Tahoe stream system in El Dorado County.
2. On February 9, 1970, the application was publicly noticed. Protests were received from the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the Placer County Water Agency, and the County of Placer.
3. On February 19, 2026, the applicant initiated a minor change to modify Application A023393 by reducing the maximum amount of water requested for diversion each year from 19,000 acre-feet per year to 6,390 acre-feet per year.
4. On March 11, 2026 the State Water Board provided notice and an opportunity to provide comments regarding the minor change to the applicant, the protestants, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. 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 19,000 acre-feet per year to 6,390 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 minor change does not propose a change to any facilities associated with 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 the maximum rate of diversion is unchanged. The minor change does not propose a change to the affected area or any other feature associated with the application.
- 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. The reduction of the amount of water diverted will not adversely affect the water supply of other legal users of water or 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 6,390 acre-feet per year.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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Dated: April 1, 2026