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## State Water Resources Control Board

### Notice of Water Right Application T033391

South Sutter Water District (SSWD) filed a temporary water right permit application with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights, pursuant to Water Code section 1425 et seq. The project associated with the application is located in Sutter County and would involve diversion of water from the Bear River system. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

### Summary of Water Right Application T033391

#### Type of Temporary Permit: 180-Day

**Date of Filing:** The application was filed with the State Water Board on September 6, 2023.

**Source of Water:** The source of water is Bear River, which is a tributary to Feather River.

**Amount:** The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 12,000 acre-feet per year, which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 220 cubic feet per second (cfs).

**Season of Diversion:** The diversion of water would be from December 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

**Point of Diversion (POD):** The application proposes to use one (1) point of diversion, located at California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 3, North 2,567,139.11 feet and East 6,325,277.82 feet, within NE quarter of NW quarter of Section 29, Township 14N, Range 6E, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

**Purposes of Use:** The purpose of use for diverted water is irrigation.

**Place of Use:** The proposed place of use is within the South Sutter Water District GSA area, located within a gross area of 66,210 acres within portions of Township 11 North, Range 4 East through Range 5 East; Township 12 North, Range 3 East through Range 5 East; and Township 13 North, Range 4 East through Range 5 East; Mount Diablo Base and Meridian. The proposed place of use is also within the North American subbasin, which is identified by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as a high priority subbasin.

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**Location and Type of Infiltration:** Diversions at the POD would flow directly into the Line 1 Canal. Water will percolate for groundwater recharge along the length of the canal. Water in the canal would then be moved using a temporary pump to a percolation pond which has an approximate capacity of 1,000 acre-feet.

**Use Accounting:** The Applicant is proposing to use the “last in, first out” accounting methodology described by the State Water Resources Control Board on their website for temporary water right permits for groundwater recharge. Under this methodology, the water diverted at the POD would be considered the last groundwater to enter the aquifer. When the production wells are turned on in the next irrigated season, the groundwater stored under this project would be the first extracted out of the aquifer.

## **Water Rights Records Database**

Documentation related to this application 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 GIS viewer

## **Procedure for Filing Objections**

Pursuant to Water Code section 1425, any interested person may file an objection against the approval of the subject application. Objections should be submitted via email to the staff contact listed below but may also be submitted via regular mail or hand delivered. If objections are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the staff contact listed below.

Objections must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **4:30 p.m. on October 16, 2023**, with copy provided to the applicant. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file an objection.

Pursuant to Water Code section 1428, the Board may issue a temporary permit in advance of public notice. Consequently, a temporary permit may be issued for the application before the end of the noticing period.

## Contact Information

Please direct all requests and inquiries regarding this notice to Erica Thompson at [Erica.Thompson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Erica.Thompson@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 323-5177 (email is the preferred means of communication). Written correspondence should be addressed to: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Erica Thompson, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

All written correspondence directed to the applicant should be addressed to:

South Sutter Water District, c/o Hayden Cornwell, 2464 Pacific Avenue, Trowbridge, California 95659 or [hcornwell@southsutterwd.com](mailto:hcornwell@southsutterwd.com)

**Date of Notice:** The date that this public notice was issued is **September 14, 2023**