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NOTICE OF PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE FOR LICENSES 10191 AND 10192 (APPLICATIONS 8042 AND 8043) OF CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

COUNTY: MONO

STREAM SYSTEM: RUSH CREEK
LEE VINING CREEK

The City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power, 111 N. Hope Street, Room 1468 Los Angeles, CA 90051-0100, filed petitions with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on October 27, 2010, requesting approval of a Temporary Urgency Change of the subject licenses pursuant to California Water Code section 1435.

The basis of the temporary urgency change petitions is to allow Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Los Angeles) to temporarily operate Rush and Lee Vining Creeks at newly recommended flows and to test recommendations proposed in the April 30, 2010 Synthesis of Instream Flow Recommendations (Synthesis Report) by State Water Board approved stream scientists who oversee the Mono Lake Stream Monitoring and Restoration Program. The temporary flow changes will allow Los Angeles and the stream scientists to test the recommended flow changes and test the feasibility of implementing operations in Los Angeles' proposed Operation Plan. Implementation of the Operation Plan is intended to improve and benefit the fishery and further stream ecosystem recovery. The two petitions are identical and request approval in order to implement Los Angeles' Operation Plan in order to:

- 1) Test the recommended flow changes for Rush and Lee Vining Creeks.
- 2) Test the implementation of operational measures that don't require facilities modifications.
- 3) Respond to questions regarding the feasibility of some of the operational changes by testing the changes, developing answers to operational questions raised in the Synthesis Report, and determining if there are better or alternative recommendations to improve fishery habitat.
- 4) Gather testing data regarding Synthesis Report recommendations to use as part of the planned facilitated resolution process. The facilitated process is being used to address differing opinions regarding the feasibility of some of the Synthesis Report re-operation proposals.

The modifications proposed in Los Angeles' Operation Plan will not increase Los Angeles' annual diversion of 16,000 acre-feet as specified in Decision 1631.

Although Los Angeles has requested that the petitions be approved for a one-year duration, a temporary urgency petition can only be approved for a maximum of 180 days.

Summary of Existing Licenses

Sources:	(1) Lee Vining Creek, (2) Walker Creek, (3) Parker Creek, (4) Rush Creek
Points of Diversion:	(1) Within the NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 20, T1N, R26E; (2) Within the NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 4, T1S, R26E; (3) Within the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 9, T1S, R26E; (4) Within the NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 15, T1S, R26E, all within MDB&M
Points of Rediversion:	Grant Lake, within the SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 15, T1S, R26E; Long Valley Reservoir, within the SE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 19, T4S, R30E; Tinemaha Reservoir, within the NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 26, T10S, R34E; Los Angeles Aqueduct intake, within the NE ¼ of SW ¼, T11S, R34E; and Haiwee Reservoir, within the SW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 2, T21S, R37E, all within MDB&M
Amount:	16,000 acre-feet per annum
Season:	January 1 through December 31
Purpose of Use:	Municipal and power use
Place of Use:	Within the service area of the Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles, as shown on map on file with the Division of Water Rights.

Petitions for Temporary Urgency Change

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1438(d), any interested party may file an objection to the changes proposed with the petitions. **Objections must be received by the Division of Water Rights by 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2010.** The petitions and notice can be viewed at the Division of Water Rights website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml . For more information regarding this project, including procedures for filing objections, please contact Greg Brown at (916) 323-1847 or by e-mail at gbrown@waterboards.ca.gov .

Date of Notice: November 2, 2010