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**State Water Resources Control Board**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TEMPORARY CHANGE  
INVOLVING THE TRANSFER OF UP TO 15,000 ACRE-FEET OF WATER  
FROM MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
TO SAN LUIS WATER DISTRICT AND WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT  
UNDER LICENSE 2685 (APPLICATION 1224)  
IN MERCED COUNTY**

COUNTY:                   MERCED                                   STREAM SYSTEM:   MERCED RIVER

On July 15, 2013, Merced Irrigation District (MID) filed a petition for temporary change to transfer up to 15,000 acre feet of water pursuant to Water Code section 1725 et seq., under water right License 2685 (Application 1224). The water will be transferred to San Luis Water District (San Luis) and Westlands Water District (Westlands). The proposed change will include the addition of the following to License 2685: 1) the Central Valley Project's (CVP) Jones Pumping Plant, the State Water Project's Banks Pumping Plant, and Patterson Irrigation District's Pumping Plant as additional points of rediversion; and 2) the CVP place of use in order to facilitate the transfer to San Luis and Westlands. Temporary changes under Water Code section 1725 may be effective for a period of up to one year. Any correspondence directed to the petitioner should be mailed to: Merced Irrigation District, c/o Mr. Darren Cordova, MBK Engineers, 1771 Tribute Road, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95815; email: [cordova@mbkengineers.com](mailto:cordova@mbkengineers.com); Fax: (916) 456-0253

**Summary of License 2685 and Changes Proposed with Petition for Temporary Transfer**

Source	Merced River
Points of Diversion	1) New Exchequer Dam within the NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 13, T4S, R15E, MDB&M 2) Merced Falls Diversion Dam within the SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 4, T5S, R15E, MDB&M 3) Crocker-Huffman Diversion Dam within the NE¼ of SW¼ of Section 7, T5S, R15E, MDB&M 4) Mariposa Town Planning Area diversion within the SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 9, T4S, R18E, MDB&M
Points of Rediversion	1) Merced Falls Diversion Dam within the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 4, T5S, R15E, MDB&M 2) Crocker-Huffman Diversion Dam within the NE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 7, T5S, R15E, MDB&M 3) Duck Slough diversion within the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 11, T8S, R14E, MDB&M
<i>Proposed Additional Points of Rediversion During Transfer</i>	1) Jones Pumping Plant within the NE¼ of SW¼ of projected Section 29, T1S, R4E, MDB&M 2) Banks Pumping Plant within the NW¼ of SE¼ of projected Section 20, T1S, R4E, MDB&M 3) Patterson Irrigation District Pumping Plant on the San Joaquin River within the NW¼ of SW¼ of projected Section 15, T5S, R8E, MDB&M
Amount	1,500 cubic feet per second by direct diversion 266,400 acre-feet by storage Combined direct diversion/storage limit of 345,440 acre-feet annually
<i>Amount Proposed To Be Transferred</i>	A maximum of 15,000 acre-feet.
Diversion Season	Direct Diversion: About March 1 through about October 31 Storage: About October 1 through about July 1 of the succeeding year
Purpose of Use	Irrigation, Domestic, Municipal
Place of Use	Domestic and irrigation use on 164,395 gross acres within the MID boundaries; Municipal use to 1,900 acres known as the Mariposa Town Planning Area; Irrigation use on 9,418.6 acres within the El Nido Irrigation District boundaries
<i>Proposed Addition to Place of Use During Transfer</i>	The service area of the Central Valley Project as shown on Map 214-208 – 12581 on file with the Division under Application 5626.

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1726(f), any interested party may file a comment regarding this petition. **Comments must be received by the Division of Water Rights by 4:30 p.m. on August 19, 2013 . A copy must also be provided to the petitioner at the address above.** To obtain detailed information regarding the proposed transfer, you may view the petition by visiting the Division’s website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/applications/transfers\\_tu\\_notices/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml). Should you have any other questions regarding this matter, please contact Kate Gaffney at (916) 341-5360 or by e-mail at [kgaffney@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kgaffney@waterboards.ca.gov). Written correspondences or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Kate Gaffney, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Date of Notice: July 18, 2013