

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PETITIONS

This form is required for all petitions.

Before the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) can approve a petition, the State Water Board must consider the information contained in an environmental document prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This form is not a CEQA document. If a CEQA document has not yet been prepared, a determination must be made of who is responsible for its preparation. As the petitioner, you are responsible for all costs associated with the environmental evaluation and preparation of the required CEQA documents. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and submit any studies that have been conducted regarding the environmental evaluation of your project. If you need more space to completely answer the questions, please number and attach additional sheets.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES OR WORK REMAINING TO BE COMPLETED

For a petition for change, provide a description of the proposed changes to your project including, but not limited to, type of construction activity, structures existing or to be built, area to be graded or excavated, increase in water diversion and use (up to the amount authorized by the permit), changes in land use, and project operational changes, including changes in how the water will be used. For a petition for extension of time, provide a description of what work has been completed and what remains to be done. Include in your description any of the above elements that will occur during the requested extension period.

The petition is for temporary urgency change to Permit No. 2452 held by the Montague Water Conservation District. The petition requests that the following temporary changes be made to Permit No. 2452 from July 1, 2014 to December 27, 2014:

- Add new point of re-diversion on the Shasta River near City of Montague;
- Authorize direct diversion at times after October 1 at the new point of re-diversion for municipal use until water is available under Permit No. 2581;
- Add municipal purpose of use and place of use within the City of Montague;
- Add fish and wildlife purpose of use and place of use in the Shasta River between Dwinell Dam and the proposed new point of re-diversion.

This petition is necessary to provide the water rights authorization to supply municipal water to the City of Montague, which is facing a critical water supply shortage due to drought conditions. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services and California Department of Public Health are assisting the City of Montague in addressing its critical water supply shortage. As part of emergency drought relief response, MWCD and the City are coordinating with OES, CDPH and other state and federal agencies regarding the permitting, funding and other approvals necessary to complete infrastructure needed to deliver the water proposed to be provided to the City under this petition.

Construction that remains to be completed includes a point of rediversion on the Shasta River with a fish screen that meets CDFW and NMFS criteria, a pump station and pipeline to deliver the water from the proposed new point of rediversion to the existing small regulating reservoir used by the City, and ultimately to the proposed place of municipal use within the City of Montague. No changes are needed or proposed to release the water from Dwinell Dam.

The Montague Water Conservation District has filed a Notice of Exemption for this project, attached here as Attachment 1, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(4) and 14 CCR section 15269(c) and pursuant to the Governor's April 25, 2014 Drought Declaration under paragraphs 2, 8, 12, 13 and 19.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

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Coordination with Regional Water Quality Control Board

For change petitions only, you must request consultation with the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the potential effects of your proposed change on water quality and other instream beneficial uses. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.) In order to determine the appropriate office for consultation, see: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.shtml. Provide the date you submitted your request for consultation here, then provide the following information.

Date of Request

5/16/14

Will your project, during construction or operation, (1) generate waste or wastewater containing such things as sewage, industrial chemicals, metals, or agricultural chemicals, or (2) cause erosion, turbidity or sedimentation?

Yes No

Will a waste discharge permit be required for the project?

Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

The construction of the proposed point of redirection has the potential to temporarily increase sedimentation. It is anticipated that a section 401 water quality certification will be required (associated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers section 404 authorization) and will address such temporary construction impacts.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Local Permits

For temporary transfers only, you must contact the board of supervisors for the county(ies) both for where you currently store or use water and where you propose to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.) Provide the date you submitted your request for consultation here.

Date of Contact

N/A

For change petitions only, you should contact your local planning or public works department and provide the information below.

Person Contacted:

Date of Contact:

Department:

Phone Number:

County Zoning Designation:

Are any county permits required for your project? If yes, indicate type below. Yes No

- Grading Permit
- Use Permit
- Watercourse
- Obstruction Permit
- Change of Zoning
- General Plan Change
- Other (explain below)

If applicable, have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide copies. Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Federal and State Permits

Check any additional agencies that may require permits or other approvals for your project:

- Regional Water Quality Control Board Department of Fish and Game
- Dept of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams California Coastal Commission
- State Reclamation Board U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

Have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide copies. Yes No

For each agency from which a permit is required, provide the following information:

Agency	Permit Type	Person(s) Contacted	Contact Date	Phone Number
Dept Fish and Wildlife	LSAA - 1610	Donna Cobb	4/13/14	530-225-2300
US Army Corps	404	Greg Brown	5/5/14	415-503-6791

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Construction or Grading Activity

Does the project involve any construction or grading-related activity that has significantly altered or would significantly alter the bed, bank or riparian habitat of any stream or lake? Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

The construction of the proposed point of redirection has the potential to significantly alter the bed, bank or riparian habitat of the Shasta River. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has been contacted regarding this proposed construction, as noted above. A notification will be submitted to the Department pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1610.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Archeology

Has an archeological report been prepared for this project? If yes, provide a copy. Yes No

Will another public agency be preparing an archeological report? Yes No

Do you know of any archeological or historic sites in the area? If yes, explain below. Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

The Department of Water Resources has prepared an archeological report for this project, a copy of which is attached here.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Photographs

For all petitions other than time extensions, attach complete sets of color photographs, clearly dated and labeled, showing the vegetation that exists at the following three locations: See Attachment 3.

- Along the stream channel immediately downstream from each point of diversion
- Along the stream channel immediately upstream from each point of diversion
- At the place where water subject to this water right will be used

Maps

For all petitions other than time extensions, attach maps labeled in accordance with the regulations showing all applicable features, both present and proposed, including but not limited to: point of diversion, point of redirection, distribution of storage reservoirs, point of discharge of treated wastewater, place of use, and location of instream flow dedication reach. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 715 et seq., 794.)

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 794, petitions for change submitted without maps may not be accepted. See Exhibit 1 to Attachment to the Petition.

All Water Right Holders Must Sign This Form:

I (we) hereby certify that the statements I (we) have furnished above and in the attachments are complete to the best of my (our) ability and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. Dated at .

Water Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature _____

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NOTE:

- **Petitions for Change** may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition was served on the Department of Fish and Game. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.)
- **Petitions for Temporary Transfer** may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition was served on the Department of Fish and Game and the board of supervisors for the county(ies) where you currently store or use water and the county(ies) where you propose to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.)