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March 27, 2015

Ms. Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director Division of Water Rights State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Subject: Garden Highway Mutual Water Company Petition for Change

**Involving Water Transfer under License 2033 (Application 1699)** 

Dear Ms. Evoy:

On behalf of Garden Highway Mutual Water Company (Company), enclosed are the following documents relative to a Petition for Change Involving Water Transfer (Petition) under the Company's License 2033 (Application 1699):

- 1. Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers Form with Attachment (one original and one copy).
- 2. Environmental Information Form with Attachment (one original and one copy).
- 3. Check in the amount of \$4,247.00 to cover the Petition fees.
- 4. Check in the amount of \$850.00 to cover the fee for the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Company is petitioning to temporarily add points of diversion, point of rediversion, place of use, and purposes of use to its License 2033 in order to transfer up to a total of 7,500 AF to participating State Water Contract (SWC) Agencies by groundwater substitution. The Company's Petition and proposed 2014 Water Transfer are consistent with the Governor's State of Emergency Drought Proclamation dated January 17, 2014 and subsequent Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency dated April 25, 2014. As indicated in the Governor's April 25, 2014 Proclamation, the 30-day comment period required by Water Code Section 1726(f) is suspended and a 15-day comment period is to be provided for temporary water transfers under Water Code Section 1725, which includes this Petition. As you are aware, time is of the essence to process this Petition for the implementation of the water transfer to the Authority; and we appreciate your attention to this Petition.

Please call if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

MBK ENGINEERS

Darren Cordova

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2875.15/FINAL LETTER TO DIVISION GHMWC 2015 TRANSFER 03.27.2015

#### **Enclosures**

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Nicole Van Vleck, Garden Highway MWC

Andrew Hitchings, Somach, Simmons & Dunn

Amanda Montgomery, Division of Water Rights

Nancy Quan, DWR SWPAO

Bill Brewster, DWR Central District

Nichole Morgan, CVRWQCB (via certified mail)

Lauren Mulloy, Department of Fish and Wildlife (via certified mail)

Board of Supervisors, County of Sutter (via certified mail)

Board of Supervisors, County of Fresno (via certified mail)

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Please	e indica	te	County	where
your	project	is	located	here:

# MAIL FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO: State Water Resources Control Board

## **DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

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## PETITION FOR CHANGE INVOLVING WATER TRANSFERS

Separate petitions are required for each water right. Mark all areas that apply to your proposed change(s). Incomplete forms may not be accepted. Location and area information must be provided on maps in accordance with established requirements. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 715 et seq.) Provide attachments if necessary.

Point of Diversion Wat. Code, § 1701	Point of Rediversion Wat. Code, § 1701	Place of Use Wat. Code, § 1701	Purpose of Use Wat. Code, § 1701	
Temporary Urgency Wat. Code, § 1435	Temporary Change Wat. Code, § 1725	Long-term Transfer Wat. Code, §§ 382, 173		ow Dedication 1707
Application 1699	Permit 1793	License 2	033 Statement	
I (we) hereby petition for change	e(s) noted above and descr	ibed as follows:		
Point of Diversion or Redivers to ¼-¼ level and California Coordin Present: See Attachment No. 1		and identify points using b	oth Public Land Survey	System descriptions
Proposed: See Attachment No. 1				
Place of Use – Identify area using Present: See Attachment No. 1	Public Land Survey System	descriptions to 1/4-1/4 level;	for irrigation, list numb	per of acres irrigated.
Proposed: See Attachment No. 1				
Purpose of Use Present: Irrigation.				
Proposed: Irrigation, Municipal, Industria	al, Domestic.			
Instream Flow Dedication – Prolevel and California Coordinate Sys Upstream Location:	tem (NAD 83).	ify points using both Publi	c Land Survey System	descriptions to 1/4-1/4
Downstream Location:				
List the quantities dedicated to in Jan Feb Mar	nstream flow in either: Apr May Jun	cubic feet per second Jul Aug	or gallons pe	r day: Nov Dec
Will the dedicated flow be diverted if yes, provide the source name,  Proposed New User(s)  Provide the names, addresses, a	, location coordinates, and	the quantities of flow the	at will be diverted fror	m the stream.
See Attachment No. 1				

## Amount of Water to be Transferred Up to 7,500 | acre-feet will be transferred. If the basis of right is direct diversion, the average rate of diversion for the maximum 30-day period of use is Up to 39 cubic feet per second or million gallons per day. General Information - Provide the following information, if applicable to your proposed change(s). Have you attached an analysis which documents that the amount of water to be ( No transferred or exchanged would have been consumptively used or stored in the absence of the proposed temporary change or long-term transfer? Have you attached an analysis of any changes to streamflow, water quality, timing of diversion or use, return flows, or effects on legal users from the proposed temporary change or long-term transfer? Have you attached an analysis that shows the proposed temporary change or long-Yes No ( term transfer will not unreasonably affect fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses? I (we) have access to the proposed point of diversion or control the proposed place of use by virtue of: ☐ ownership lease verbal agreement written agreement If by lease or agreement, state name and address of person(s) from whom access has been obtained. Not Applicable. Give name and address of any person(s) taking water from the stream between the present point of diversion or rediversion and the proposed point of diversion or rediversion, as well as any other person(s) known to you who may be affected by the proposed change. See Attachment No. 1 All Right Holders Must Sign Below: I (we) declare under penalty of perjury that this involves only the amount of water which would have been consumptively used or stored in the absence of the proposed temporary change, and that the above is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief. Dated at 3/27/2015 Yuba City, CA Tucolinontra la Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature NOTE: All petitions must be accompanied by: (1) the form Environmental Information for Petitions, available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/publications\_forms/forms/docs/pet\_info.pdf Division of Water Rights fee, per the Water Rights Fee Schedule, available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\_issues/programs/fees/ Department of Fish and Wildlife fee of \$850 (Pub. Resources Code, § 10005)

## Attachment No. 1 to Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers License 2033 (Application 1699) Held by Garden Highway Mutual Water Company

#### **PURPOSE OF PETITION**

The purpose of this Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers (Petition) is to: (1) add the State Water Project's (SWP) Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant and Barker Slough Pumping Plant as points of diversion, (2) add San Luis Reservoir as a point of rediversion, (3) add a portion of the service area of the SWP as an additional place of use, and (4) add municipal, industrial, and domestic purposes under Garden Highway Mutual Water Company's (Company) License 2033 (Application 1699). This petition is being filed to facilitate a temporary transfer (2015 Water Transfer) of up to 7,500 acre-feet (AF) of surface water from the Company during May through October 2015, which will be made available by groundwater substitution, to participating State Water Contractor (SWC) Agencies in order to provide an additional water supply for irrigation, municipal, industrial, and domestic purposes. Groundwater substitution involves the use of groundwater pumped to produce crops within the Company in exchange for a like amount of surface water that will remain instream for diversion at the proposed additional point of diversion. Absent the proposed temporary transfer, the Company would divert the entire quantity of surface water proposed for transfer from the Feather River pursuant to its water right. The proposed 2015 Water Transfer is consistent with the Governor's State of Emergency Drought Proclamation dated January 17, 2014 and subsequent Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency dated April 25, 2014.

#### **POINT OF DIVERSION OR REDIVERSION**

#### **POINT OF DIVERSION**

#### Present Point of Diversion:

No change in the present point of diversion is proposed. The Company's authorized point of diversion under License 2033 is listed below:

	Located Within*				
<u>Description*</u>	1/4, 1/4	<u>Sec</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>R</u>	_
N 72° 00' E, 4,130 feet from the SW corner of Section 24, T13N, R3E	SW, SE	24	13N	3E	

March 2015

<sup>\*</sup> All references to Section, Township, and Range are to the MDB&M.

#### Proposed Additional Points of Diversion:

No change in the present point of diversion is proposed. The Company proposes to add the following points of diversion:

#### **Banks Pumping Plant via the Clifton Court Forebay**

N 2,126,440 ft., E 6,256,425 ft., California Coordinate System Zone 3, NAD 83, being within the NW ¼ of SE ¼ of Projected Section 20, T1S, R4E, MDB&M. This proposed additional point of diversion is identified on maps filed with the Division of Water Rights (Division) under Application 5630.

### **Barker Slough Pumping Plant**

N 567,682, E 2,017,761, California Coordinate System Zone 2, within the NE ¼ of SW ¼ of Projected Section 18, T5N, R2E, MDB&M. This proposed additional point of diversion is identified on maps filed with the Division of Water Rights (Division) under Application 5630.

#### **POINT OF REDIVERSION**

#### Proposed Additional Point of Rediversion:

The Company proposes to add the following point of rediversion:

#### San Luis Reservoir

N 1,845,103 ft., E 6,393,569 ft., California Coordinate System Zone 3, NAD 83, being within the SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Projected Section 15, T10S, R8E, MDB&M. This proposed additional point of diversion is identified on maps filed with the Division under Application 5630.

#### PLACE OF USE

#### Present:

The present place of use is 3,708.45 acres net within a gross area of 3,765.45 acres, as shown on a map contained in the Division's files for License 2033.

#### Proposed:

No change in the present place of use is proposed. The Company proposes to add a portion of the service area of the SWP as the proposed additional place of use in order to facilitate the temporary water transfer to the participating SWC Agencies. This portion of the

service area of the SWP is shown on Map 1878 - 1, 2, 3, and 4 on file with the Division under Application 5630.

#### **PROPOSED NEW USERS**

The proposed new users will be water users within the following SWC Agencies listed below:

Central Coast Water Authority

Ray Stokes

255 Industrial Way

Buellton, CA 93427-9565

County of Kings
c/o Jacob Westra
1001 Chase Avenue
Corcoran, CA 93212

Dudley Ridge Water District Kern County Water Agency

c/o Rick Besecker Lara Kimm Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc. P. O. Box 58

286 W. Cromwell Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93302

Fresno, CA 93711-6162

Metropolitan Water District of Southern Napa County Flood Control and Water

California Conservation District
Steve Hirsch Phillip M. Miller, PE

1121 L. Street, Suite 900 804 First St.

Sacramento, CA 95814-3974 Napa, CA 94559-2623

Oak Flat Water District Palmdale Water District

Anthea Hansen Jon Pernula

P.O. Box 1596 2029 East Avenue Q Patterson, CA 95363 Palmdale, CA 93550

Santa Clara Valley Water District

Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District

Francis Brewster Jacob Westra
5750 Almaden Expressway 1001 Chase Avenue
San Jose, CA 95118 Corcoran, CA 93212

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Surface water will be made available for transfer from the Company's groundwater substitution program, consistent with the Draft Technical Information for Preparing Water Transfer Proposals, dated November 2014 (Draft Technical Information) published by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). The Draft Technical Information has been developed to address the concerns of DWR and Reclamation relative to the potential impacts that water transfers may have on other legal users, instream beneficial uses, and the overall economy and environment. The Company has submitted a proposal to DWR for a water transfer to the Authority during 2015, which includes detailed information relative to historical groundwater pumping, groundwater well characteristics,

groundwater monitoring and reporting elements, and associated maps. DWR will conduct an extensive review of these documents in order to ensure that the quantity of water proposed to be made available by the Company meets the relevant criteria to demonstrate a reduction in surface water use will occur as a result of the proposed temporary transfer. In addition, it is our understanding that Reclamation has addressed potential concerns with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Absent the proposed temporary transfer to the Authority, groundwater would not be pumped by the Company for its groundwater substitution program to make surface water available for the Authority; thus, the Company would have diverted surface water to meet its irrigation demands. The crops produced within the Company and the associated irrigation practices would occur with or without the proposed temporary water transfer.

Only wells which have been approved by DWR will be used for the proposed temporary transfer. In accordance with Water Code Section 1745.10, the Company does not believe the proposed transfer to the SWC Agencies by groundwater substitution will result in an overdraft of the underlying groundwater basin. As a condition of participation in the proposed temporary transfer, the Company has developed groundwater monitoring, reporting, and mitigation plans to ensure the proposed transfer does not result in any unreasonable and adverse impacts to the groundwater basin or third parties. Evaluation and approval by DWR of the groundwater monitoring, reporting, and mitigation plans will be obtained for the Company's groundwater substitution program.

The boundaries of the Company are within Sutter County, which completed and adopted a groundwater management plan (GMP) in March 2012 under Water Code Section 10753. The GMP relies on data from an extensive network of DWR and water purveyors' production and monitoring wells. The GMP identifies that DWR does not currently consider any of the groundwater sub-basins underlying Sutter County to be in an overdraft state. As identified in the GMP, overdraft is characterized by a declining trend in groundwater levels over multiple years without recovery during recharge events. Figure 10 of the GMP indicates that groundwater elevations during fall 2007 near the vicinity of the Company are within approximately +/- five feet of the groundwater elevations during fall 1912-1913. Groundwater elevation data for DWR's Monitoring Well No. 13N03E16A001M, which is located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the Company's boundary, shows that during 1952 through 2014, groundwater elevations fluctuated seasonally each year with greater fluctuations during drier periods. These data also show that groundwater elevations have increased during this 63-year period, which is consistent with Figure 10 of the GMP. Similarly, DWR's Monitoring Well Nos. 12N04E18D001M, 13N04E16N001M, and 12N02E23K001M, located to the southeast, northeast, and southwest of the Company, respectively, show annual fluctuations with no trend in declining groundwater elevations. In addition, the Company has permitted DWR to install a multi-completion continuous groundwater monitoring well (DWR Well Nos. 13N03E26J002M to -005M) in 2010 near the center of the Company to further assist in documenting groundwater elevations. The monitoring results obtained from DWR for this groundwater well also indicate that groundwater elevations have fluctuated seasonally each year.

As a result of this proposed temporary transfer, the flow in the Feather River downstream of the Company's present point of diversion will increase by up to 7,500 AF during the period of the transfer over what would have occurred absent the proposed transfer. The increased flow in the Feather River to the proposed additional points of diversion will be a small percentage of the total flow and will be water that would be diverted by the Company absent this proposed transfer. The Company's reduced diversions will provide additional flows during critical periods of the year, up to a maximum of approximately 39 cfs assuming the groundwater wells proposed to participate in the water transfer are operating simultaneously. Therefore, there will be no injury to other legal water users, water quality, or return flows; in fact, these increased flows may provide benefits for fisheries and wildlife and may result in a positive effect to the water users between the present point of diversion and the proposed additional points of diversion.

The Company holds an Agreement on Diversion of Water from the Feather River with the DWR (Agreement), dated May 17, 1977, for the purpose of a water rights settlement associated with the operation of Oroville Dam, specifically relative to the Company's License 2033 and its other water rights. The proposed quantity for the 2015 Water Transfer is based on a 100% supply under the Company's Agreement with DWR. As the transfer period approaches, if it appears the supply under the Company's Agreement will be less than 100%, the transfer quantity may be reduced. The Company's beneficial use of water from the Feather River during 2015 will include diversions for its crop water demands and surface water made available for transfer by groundwater substitution. Due to the drought conditions during 2015, the Division has identified that curtailment notices may be issued for all post-1914 water rights within the Sacramento River Basin, which includes the Feather River. In the case that the Division issues such curtailment notices, the transfer from the Company may occur under its Agreement with DWR. Although the Company may receive a curtailment notice for its License 2033, the Company will continue beneficial use of water in accordance with the terms of its water rights and the Company's Agreement with DWR for the reasons identified above.

See files of the State Water Resources Control Board for more information regarding other legal water users, which may include the Delta water users, the CVP, the SWP, and the Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) has been contacted and provided no comments at this time. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) has also been contacted and provided information regarding the proposed temporary water transfer; CVRWQCB staff are currently reviewing this information. Copies of this petition have been provided to Lauren Mulloy (916-358-2909) of DFW and Nichole Morgan (916-464-4787) of the CVRWQCB for review and comment.

### State of California State Water Resources Control Board

# DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS P.O. Box 2000. Sacramento. CA 95812-2000

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### 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

See Attachment No. 1

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.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:	

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## **Coordination with Regional Water Quality Control Board**

or change petitions only, you must request consultation with the Regional dater Quality Control Board regarding the potential effects of your proposed hange on water quality and other instream beneficial uses. (Cal. Code Regs., 23, § 794.) In order to determine the appropriate office for consultation, see: tp://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.shtml. Provide the ate you submitted your request for consultation here, then provide the following formation.		Date of Request	
		March 27, 2015	
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?	0	Yes	<ul><li>No</li></ul>
Will a waste discharge permit be required for the project?	0	Yes	<ul><li>No</li></ul>
If necessary, provide additional information below:			
Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:			
Local Permits  For temporary transfers only, you must contact the board of supervisors for the		Date of	f Contact
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.		March	27, 2015
For change petitions only, you should contact your local planning or public works de information below.	epart	ment an	d provide the
Person Contacted: Not Applicable. Date of Contact:			
Department: Phone Number:			
County Zoning Designation:			
Are any county permits required for your project? If yes, indicate type below.	) Y	es (	O No
Grading Permit Use Permit Watercourse C	)bstru	uction Pe	ermit
Change of Zoning General Plan Change Other (explain b	elow)	)	
If applicable, have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide cop	oies.	$\bigcirc$ Y	es No
If necessary, provide additional information below:			
Not Applicable.			

# 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 Not Applicable. If necessary, provide additional information below: Not Applicable. Insert the attachment number here, if applicable: **Construction or Grading Activity** Does the project involve any construction or grading-related activity that has significantly Yes altered or would significantly alter the bed, bank or riparian habitat of any stream or lake? If necessary, provide additional information below: Not Applicable. Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

**Federal and State Permits** 

Archeology		
Has an archeological report been prepared for this project? If yes, provide a copy.	Yes	<ul><li>No</li></ul>
Will another public agency be preparing an archeological report?	Yes	<ul><li>No</li></ul>
Do you know of any archeological or historic sites in the area? If yes, explain below.	OYes	<ul><li>No</li></ul>
If necessary, provide additional information below:  Not Applicable.		
Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:		
Photographs		
For all petitions other than time extensions, attach complete sets of color photographs labeled, showing the vegetation that exists at the following three locations:  Along the stream channel immediately downstream from each point of diversion  At the place where water subject to this water right will be used	•	ted and
Maps		
For all petitions other than time extensions, attach maps labeled in accordance with the applicable features, both present and proposed, including but not limited to: point of directive rediversion, distribution of storage reservoirs, point of discharge of treated wastewater location of instream flow dedication reach. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 715 et seq., 79)	iversion, po r, place of u	int of
Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 794, petitions for change may not be accepted.	submitted w	vithout maps
All Water Right Holders Must Sign This Form:  I (we) hereby certify that the statements I (we) have furnished above and in the attach the best of my (our) ability and that the facts, statements, and information presented a best of my (our) knowledge. Dated  3/27/2015  at Yuba City, CA		
Water Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature  Water Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature	rized Agent	Signature
NOTE:  • Petitions for Change may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition	on was served	d on the

- Department of Fish and Game. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.)
- <u>Petitions for Temporary Transfer</u> 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.)

## Attachment No. 1

## to Environmental Information for Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers License 2033 (Application 1699) Held by Garden Highway Mutual Water Company

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Garden Highway Mutual Water Company (Company) is petitioning to temporarily add points of diversion, a point of rediversion, a place of use, and purposes of use to the water right identified above in order to transfer up to 7,500 AF to participating State Water Contractor (SWC) Agencies by groundwater substitution. The State Water Project's (SWP) Banks Pumping Plant and Barker Slough Pumping Plant are proposed to be added as points of diversion; San Luis Reservoir is proposed to be added as a point of rediversion; and a portion of the service area of the SWP is proposed to be added as a place of use. The additional purposes of use proposed to be added are municipal, industrial, and domestic, in addition to the existing purpose of use for irrigation. These proposed additions would authorize the transfer of water to the SWC Agencies during May through October 2015. The proposed 2015 Water Transfer will provide the SWC Agencies with an additional water supply during the current drought conditions, consistent with the Governor's State of Emergency Drought Proclamation dated January 17, 2014 and subsequent Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency dated April 25, 2014. There is no change to the existing point of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use.

The quantity of water proposed to be made available by groundwater substitution involves the use of groundwater pumped upon overlying lands in exchange for a like amount of surface water that will remain instream for diversion at the proposed additional points of diversion. Absent the proposed temporary transfer, the Company would have diverted up to 7,500 AF of surface water from the Feather River pursuant to its water right. For this reason, the proposed temporary transfer does not involve any construction or other physical changes to the Company's facilities.

Petitions for temporary transfer of water pursuant to Water Code Section 1725 are exempt from CEQA. In addition, the Governor's Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency dated April 25, 2014 suspends environmental review required by CEQA to assist in expediting water transfers. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority) have prepared an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) regarding Long-Term Water Transfers for the period of 2015 through 2024, pursuant to the requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and CEQA. Although the EIS/EIR did not attempt to address the Company's proposed 2015 Water Transfer to the SWC Agencies directly, the EIS/EIR includes a water transfer from the Company to the Authority. A copy of the Final EIS/EIR is available at: <a href="http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\_projdetails.cfm?Project\_ID=18361">http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\_projdetails.cfm?Project\_ID=18361</a>.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

The present point of diversion and the proposed additional points of diversion and point of rediversion include existing facilities that are well known and documented with the Division of Water Rights (Division). In addition, the present and proposed places of use are also well known and documented with the Division. Therefore, for these reasons, photographs of the present and proposed points of diversion, point of rediversion, and places of use are not included.

#### MAPS

The present point of diversion and place of use are shown on a map filed with the Division for License 2033. The proposed additional points of diversion for the SWP's Banks and Barker Slough Pumping Plants and the proposed additional point of rediversion for San Luis Reservoir are shown on maps filed with the Division for Application 5630. The proposed additional place of use is a portion of the SWP service area, as shown on Map 1878 – 1, 2, 3, and 4 on file with the Division under Application 5630.