

## 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.

Petition for Change to Permits and Licenses of Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Permit for the State Water Project (SWP)  
Application Number 14443, Permit 16479

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Permits for the Central Valley Project

Application Numbers: 23, 234, 1465, 5626, 5628, 5638, 9363, 9364, 9368, 13370, 13371, 15374, 15375, 15764, 16767, 17374, 17376  
License Number 1986 and Permit Numbers: 11885, 11886, 12721, 11967, 11887, 12722, 12723, 11315, 11316, 11968, 11969, 12860, 11971, 11973, 12364

DWR and Reclamation are requesting that the State Water Resources Control Board modify their permits to temporarily change the authorized place of use of in both agencies permits consolidate the SWP and CVP authorized place of use downstream of Banks and Jones Pumping Plants in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The changes will allow DWR and Reclamation to more efficiently utilize the operational flexibility of the combined SWP and CVP facilities and water supply south of Banks and Jones in order to minimize to some extent the severe impacts to water users south of the Delta caused by unavailability of adequate SWP and CVP Project water supplies in 2016.

The past four years represented the driest four year period recorded in California, with 2015 having by far the lowest snowpack ever recorded. Project storage was severely depleted due to the critically dry conditions. While many areas of California received normal or above normal amounts of rain in December 2015 and January 2016, February 2016 was extremely dry which caused the statewide snowpack levels to drop below normal. Precipitation and snowpack has increased in March but the snowpack in the central and southern Sierra remains below normal. Several of the major storage reservoirs in central and southern California remain below average. The extremely low initial Project storage and continued below normal storage levels have affected the initial allocations to SWP contractors in 2016. The current allocation to SWP contractors is 45 percent of their requested Table A amounts. Reclamation has not yet made its initial contract allocations and continues to assess the water supply conditions and potential restrictions on CVP operations. CVP agricultural contractors anticipate significant reductions in available 2016 supply downstream of the Delta.

Water supply conditions are classified as "Dry" for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River basins as of the March 1, 2016 forecast at the 50 percent probability of exceedence. Forecasts for Water Year 2016 indicate California will continue to experience drought conditions due to the effects of the historically dry conditions preceding 2016. The U.S. Drought Monitor March 22, 2016 update continues to classify significant portions of the state in extreme or exceptional drought conditions, including much of the Sacramento Valley and all of the San Joaquin Valley.

The requested change is necessary to help alleviate to some extent the impacts of the water shortages to users within the SWP and CVP service areas downstream of the Delta pumping facilities, and to facilitate the most efficient use of limited Project water that is available. The change will not result in the diversion of additional water from the Delta or a change in timing of diversions.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

**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](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

3/28/2016

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:

N/A

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

3/28/16

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

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:

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:

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:

- 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

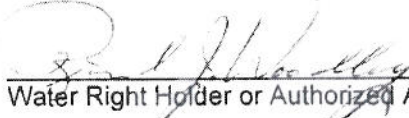
**Maps**


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.

**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.)