

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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In the Matter of Temporary
Change Order Regarding Permit 12721
(Application 5626) and 12 Other Permits)
U. S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION,)
Permittee)

ORDER: WR 86-4
SOURCE: Various sources
COUNTIES: Alameda, Sacramento,
Shasta, Trinity

ORDER MODIFYING AND REISSUING

TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE IN POINT OF DIVERSION AND REDIVERSION

BY THE BOARD:

The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) having filed a petition for a temporary urgency change in point of diversion and point of rediversion pursuant to Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 1435), Part 2, Division 2 of the Water Code; the Board having consulted with the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Fish and Game; Board Member Samaniego having concluded from available information that the Bureau qualifies for a temporary urgency change and having issued a temporary urgency change order, subject to review and validation by the Board as provided by Water Code Section 1435; the South Delta Water Agency and Central Delta Water Agency having subsequently requested that approval of the temporary urgency change include certain conditions; the Board having duly considered the petition for a temporary change, the requests by South Delta Water Agency and Central Delta Water Agency and other related information; the Board finds as follows:

1.0 SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE

On February 13, 1986, the Bureau filed a petition for a temporary urgency change in the point of diversion and point of rediversion under the 13 water right permits specified in Table I below:

TABLE I
WATER RIGHT PERMITS COVERED BY
THE PETITION FOR TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE ...

<u>Application</u>	<u>Permit</u>
5626	12721
5628	11967
9363	12722
9364	12723
13370	11315
13371	11316
15374	11968
15375	11969
15764	12860
16767	11971
17374	11973
17376	12364
21542	15149

The petition requests that, in addition to the points of diversion and rediversion specified in the permits, the permittee be allowed to divert or redivert water temporarily under said permits from the Department of Water Resources' Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant at the following location:

California Coordinates, Zone 3, N 486,035; E 1,695,057; within
NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Projected Section 20, T1S, R4E, MDB&M.

The petition for a temporary urgency change requests that the diversion and rediversion at the Banks Pumping Plant be authorized from February 24, 1986 to April 7, 1986 at a maximum rate of 6000 cubic feet per second with the total amount diverted or rediverted not to exceed 100,000 acre-feet.

2.0 TEMPORARY URGENCY NEED

The urgent need to utilize Department of Water Resources' facilities arises from the curtailment of pumping through the Central Valley Project and State Water Project Delta facilities proposed by the California Department of Fish and Game for striped bass tests scheduled during April 1986. These tests are designed to determine whether maintenance of specific flow regimes in the Delta stimulate production of food organisms important to survival of young striped bass. Information from these tests may help determine the cause for the recent decline in young striped bass.

The Bureau must replace pumping capacity foregone during these tests to enable the federal portion of San Luis Reservoir to be filled for the 1986 irrigation season. Replacement of this lost pumping capacity with capacity at the Banks Pumping Plant is proposed. The increased period of replacement diversion over that of the pumping curtailment is requested so that the capacity available at the Banks Pumping Plant may be more economically utilized and that there may be a margin of safety if that plant should be down for any length of time during the period. When available, off-peak energy periods will be used. The quantities to be diverted will not exceed the quantities that would have been diverted, absent the striped bass test.

3.0 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

The State Water Resources Control Board staff has prepared a Notice of Exemption specifying the reason why the above proposed action qualifies for a Categorical Exemption Class 6 (information collection) in accordance with Title 14, California Administrative Code, Section 15306.

4.0 ACTION BY BOARD MEMBER SAMANIEGO

In accordance with the authorization of Water Code Section 1435, the Board has adopted Resolution 84-2 delegating authority to an individual Board Member to approve temporary changes on projects where no detrimental effects are indicated. Water Section 1435(b) requires the Board, at its next regular meeting, to review and validate and change order issued by an employee.

In accordance with the delegation of authority in Resolution 84-2, Board Member Samaniego issued a change order on February 20, 1986 allowing a temporary change in the point of diversion and point of rediversion, subject to several specified conditions.

5.0 NOTICE AND RESPONSES

Notice of the petition for a temporary change was provided by publication and by mail to interested parties. The Board received responses from two parties, South Delta Water Agency and Central Delta Water Agency.

5.1 South Delta Water Agency Request

South Delta Water Agency requested that approval of the temporary change be conditioned to exclude diversion and rediversion under the temporary change at times when the water elevation at the south end of Tom Paine Slough is lower than 0.35 foot below mean sea level or the water elevation in Middle River at Undine Road is lower than 0.25 foot below mean sea level.

5.2 Central Delta Water Agency Request

Central Delta Water Agency requested that approval of the temporary change be conditioned to include the water level standards proposed by South Delta Water Agency and also provide that water quality should not exceed a 14-day running average of 0.45 millimhos EC at Emmaton on the Sacramento River, Jersey Point on the San Joaquin River, Terminous on the Mokelumne River, San Andreas Landing on the San Joaquin River, Turner Cut off the San Joaquin River and Rancho Del Rio on Old River.

5.3 Response to Requests

State Board staff contacted Bureau staff and determined the conditions requested by South Delta Water Agency and Central Delta Water Agency were acceptable to the Bureau.

6.0 BOARD FINDINGS

Having reviewed the conditions requested by South Delta Water Agency and Central Delta Water Agency, and the Bureau's agreement to accept those conditions, the Board finds that the February 20, 1986 order by Board Member Samaniego should be modified and reissued to include the conditions requested by South Delta Water Agency and Central Delta Water Agency.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. In addition to the points of diversion and redirection specified in the permits listed above, the Permittee may temporarily divert or redirect water under said Permits at the Department of Water Resources' Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant at the following location:

California Coordinates, Zone 3, N 486,035;
E 1,695,057; within NW 1/4 of SE 1/4
of Projected Section 20, T1S, R4E, MDB&M.

2. The temporary urgency change shall be effective for a period starting February 24, 1986 and ending April 7, 1986. At the end of this period, this authorization shall be of no further force and effect.

3. Under this temporary urgency change, the maximum rate of diversion or rediversion shall not exceed 6,000 cubic feet per second and the total quantity diverted or rediverted shall not exceed 100,000 acre-feet.
4. Under this temporary urgency change no diversion or rediversion shall take place when the water elevation at the south end of Tom Paine Slough is lower than 0.35 foot below mean sea level or the water elevation in Middle River at Undine Road is lower than 0.25 foot below mean sea level.
5. Under this temporary urgency change no diversion or rediversion shall take place when the 14-day running average electrical conductivity exceeds 0.45 millimhos at any of the following locations:

Emmaton on the Sacramento River

Jersey Point on the San Joaquin River

Terminus on the Mokelumne River

San Andreas Landing on the San Joaquin River

Turner Cut off the San Joaquin River

Rancho Del Rio on Old River

6. Should the total quantity of water diverted or rediverted under this temporary urgency change exceed the quantity that would have been diverted or rediverted at the Bureau's Tracy Pumping Plant absent the striped bass test, the excess water shall be credited toward that allowed under Order Condition 3 of water right Decision 1485.

7. The Permittee shall report to the State Water Resources Control Board by July 15, 1986 the maximum rate and total acre-feet diverted or rediverted at Banks Pumping Plant under this temporary urgency change. The Permittee shall also provide to the Board by July 15, 1986 an estimate of its water exports at Tracy Pumping Plant foregone due to the striped bass test.
8. The Chief of the Division of Water Rights may suspend this temporary urgency change order at any time he determines that conditions in the Bay-Delta Estuary would be more conducive to the striped bass test absent this temporary urgency change.
9. This temporary urgency change is issued and Permittee takes it subject to the California Water Code, Division 2, Chapter 6.6, Section 1435 et seq. This temporary urgency change order shall not result in creation of a vested right, even of a temporary nature, but shall be subject at all times to modification or revocation at the discretion of the Board.
10. The Board shall supervise the use of water under this temporary urgency change order for the protection of vested rights and instream beneficial uses and for compliance with this order.
11. The Chief of the Division of Water Rights is authorized to File a Notice of Exemption pursuant to Section 15306 of the State EIR Guidelines.
12. Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 100 and 275, all rights and privileges under this temporary urgency change order, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Resources Control Board in

accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use or unreasonable method of diversion. The continuing authority of the Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this temporary urgency change order with a view to minimizing waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of Permittee without unreasonable draft on the source.

13. Except as expressly provided herein, all terms and conditions of these permits shall remain in effect.
14. This order supersedes the order allowing temporary urgency change in point of diversion and point of rediversion issued by Board Member Eliseo Samaniego on February 20, 1986.

CERTIFICATION

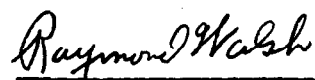
The undersigned, Interim Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on March 20, 1986.

AYE: Darlene E. Ruiz
E. H. Finster
Eliseo Samaniego
Danny Walsh

NO: None

ABSENT: Raymond V. Stone

ABSTAIN: None



Raymond Walsh
Interim Executive Director

