



State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Water Right Application T033461

Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (SVGMD) filed a temporary water right permit application with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights, pursuant to Water Code section 1425 et seq. The project associated with the application is located in Sierra County and would divert water from Little Last Chance Creek and Staverville Creek. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

Summary of Water Right Application T033461

Type of Temporary Permit: 180-Day Temporary Permit

Date of Filing: The application was filed with the State Water Board on October 11, 2024.

Source of Water: The source(s) of water are Little Last Chance Creek and Staverville Creek, which are tributary to the Middle Fork Feather River, thence the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta.

Amount: The maximum combined amount of water requested for diversion is 841 acre-feet, which would be diverted at a combined maximum rate not to exceed 4 cubic feet per second.

Season of Diversion: The season for diversion of water would be from December 1, 2024 to March 14, 2025.

Point of Diversion: There are two points of diversion (POD) where water would be diverted:

POD #1 is located within Little Last Chance Creek at North 1,822,734 feet and East 7,073,333 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 1, North American Datum 1983, within the SW (¼) quarter of the NW (¼) quarter of Section 27, Township 23 North, Range 16 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

POD #2 is located within Staverville Creek at North 2,376,557 feet and East 7,065,127 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the SW (¼) quarter of the NE (¼) quarter of Section 17, Township 21 North, Range 16 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

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Purpose of Use: The primary purpose of use for water is domestic and irrigation as well as fish and wildlife enhancement and protection. Incidental uses would include irrigation and fish and wildlife enhancement and protection.

Place of Use: The water diverted will be used during the spring and summer of the same year of diversion. The water would be used within the SVGMD service area and within an area overlying the Sierra Valley groundwater basin.

Location and Type of Infiltration: Diverted water from POD #1 would be conveyed via a 12-inch HDPE pipe that is 5,200 in length to 172 acres of agricultural pastureland for on-farm recharge. Diverted water from POD #2 would be conveyed via existing irrigation ditches with sand-bag barriers to direct flow onto 36 acres of land for on-farm recharge.

Use Accounting: The water stored underground would serve domestic wells and up to 300 residences within Loyalton. Additionally, for fish and wildlife and enhancement and protection, 80 percent of the water used for this purpose would be used by 17,581 acres of the local groundwater dependent ecosystem, the Wetland Meadow Complex; 10 percent would be incidentally used to supplement shallow domestic wells in disadvantaged communities, and the final 10 percent would incidentally infiltrate as leakage to the deeper groundwater aquifer where it would be used for irrigation. All diverted water would be used within the calendar year of the diversion.

Water Rights Records Database

Documentation related to this application is available by accessing the State Water Board's electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) database:

- Go to <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ewrims/>
- Select "eWRIMS Database System" to open the eWRIMS Database
- Select "Accept" to accept the Public Records Act notice
- Select "Water Rights Records Search"
- Enter the application number in the "Application ID" field, then select "Search"
- Select the application number on the left side of the results to open the record
 - Select "View Document" to see the application and related documentation
 - Select "View Map" to see the application map
 - Select the "Map It" button to open the record in the eWRIMS GIS viewer

Procedure for Filing Objections

Pursuant to Water Code section 1428, any interested person may file an objection against the approval of the subject application. Objections should be submitted via email to the staff contact listed below but may also be submitted via regular mail or hand delivered. If objections are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the staff contact listed below.

Objections must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **4:30 p.m.** on **November 25, 2024**, with copy provided to the applicant. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file an objection.

Pursuant to Water Code section 1428, the board may issue a temporary permit in advance of public notice. Consequently, a temporary permit may be issued on the application before the end of the noticing period.

Contact Information

Please direct all requests and inquiries regarding this notice to Benjamin McCoverly at Benjamin.McCoverly@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 327-8683 (email is the preferred means of communication). Written correspondence should be addressed to:

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights
Attn: Benjamin McCoverly
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

All written correspondence directed to the applicant should be addressed to:

Jenny Gant, P.O. Box 88 Chilcoot, CA 96105

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is **October 25, 2024**.