

California Environmental Protection Agency

State Water Resources Control Board

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PETITIONS

[X] Petition for Change

[] Petition for Extension of Time

Before the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) can approve a petition to change your water right permit or a petition for extension of time to complete use, the SWRCB 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.

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES OR WORK REMAINING TO BE COMPLETED

For a petition to 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.

DWR and the Bureau of Reclamation are petitioning the SWRCB to consolidate the authorized place of use of Reclamation and DWR's CVP and SWP respective permits and license. The changes will allow DWR and Reclamation to more effectively and efficiently utilize the operational flexibility of the combined SWP and CVP facilities to facilitate water transfers and exchanges and provide water to the combined SWP and CVP service areas to minimize the potential impacts of the current critical water shortage within California. The changes are being requested to accomplish the directives contained in Governor Schwarzenegger's February 27, 2009, proclamation of a state of emergency addressing California's water shortage and Executive Order S-06-08 (Executive Order), issued June 4, 2008. The change will not result in the delivery of more water to any water supplier than would have been delivered historically. Instead, the requested change will provide DWR and Reclamation with operational flexibility that will allow them to assist in delivering water to areas with critical needs more efficiently. Due to the extremely dry conditions, regulatory and operational constraints, the allocation to the SWP water users is only 20 percent of requested demand. The allocation to CVP agricultural water service contractors south of the Delta is 0 percent. As a result, thousands of acres of agricultural land will be fallowed this year and cities across the state have imposed, or will soon impose, water rationing programs. Water transfers and exchanges can provide supplemental supplies to help mitigate the devastating crop losses or risks to human health and safety

[] See Attachment No. _____

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2. COUNTY PERMITS

N/A

a. Contact your county planning or public works department and provide the following information:

Person contacted: _____ Date of contact: _____

Department: _____ Telephone: () _____

County Zoning Designation: _____

Are any county permits required for your project? YES NO If YES, check appropriate box below:

- Grading permit Use permit Watercourse Obstruction permit Change of zoning
- General plan change Other (explain): _____

b. Have you obtained any of the required permits described above? YES NO

If YES, provide a complete copy of each permit obtained.

See Attachment No. _____

3. STATE/FEDERAL PERMITS AND REQUIREMENTS N/A

a. Check any additional state or federal permits required for your project:

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission U.S. Forest Service Bureau of Land Management
- Soil Conservation Service Dept. of Water Resources (Div. of Safety of Dams) Reclamation Board
- Coastal Commission State Lands Commission Other (specify) _____

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

AGENCY	PERMIT TYPE	PERSON(S) CONTACTED	CONTACT DATE	TELEPHONE NO.

See Attachment No. _____

c. Does your proposed project involve any construction or grading-related activity that has significantly altered or would significantly alter the bed or bank of any stream or lake? YES NO

If YES, explain: _____

The action covered by the petition is limited to the approval by the SWRCB of a Petition for Change in authorized place of use filed by DWR and Reclamation temporarily consolidate the SWP and CVP places of use.

See Attachment No. _____

d. Have you contacted the California Department of Fish and Game concerning your project? YES NO

If YES, name and telephone number of contact: Copies of the Petition for Change are being submitted to the relevant regional office of DFG.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

a. Has any California public agency prepared an environmental document for your project? YES NO
If YES, submit a copy of the latest environmental document(s) prepared, including a copy of the notice of determination adopted by the California public agency. Public agency: _____

b. If NO, check the appropriate box and explain below, if necessary:

The petitioner is a California public agency and will be preparing the environmental document.*

I expect that the SWRCB will be preparing the environmental document.**

I expect that a California public agency other than the State Water Resources Control Board will be preparing the environmental document.* Public agency: _____

The Project is subject to the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, issued on February 27, 2009 (attached), combating the natural disaster created by the critical drought conditions currently existing in the State. The Proclamation states that CEQA exemptions shall apply to Projects found consistent with the Proclamation. DWR will file NOE with OPR.

See Attachment No. ____

* **Note:** When completed, submit a copy of the final environmental document (including notice of determination) or notice of exemption to the SWRCB, Division of Water Rights. Processing of your petition cannot proceed until these documents are submitted.

** **Note:** CEQA requires that the SWRCB, as Lead Agency, prepare the environmental document. The information contained in the environmental document must be developed by the petitioner and at the petitioner's expense under the direction of the SWRCB, Division of Water Rights.

5. WASTE/WASTEWATER N/A

a. 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

If YES, or you are unsure of your answer, explain below and contact your local Regional Water Quality Control Board for the following information (See instruction booklet for address and telephone no.):

See Attachment No. ____

b. Will a waste discharge permit be required for your project? YES NO

Person contacted: _____ Date of contact: _____

c. What method of treatment and disposal will be used? _____

See Attachment No. ____

6. ARCHEOLOGY N/A

a. Have any archeological reports been prepared on this project? YES NO

b. Will you be preparing an archeological report to satisfy another public agency? YES NO

c. Do you know of any archeological or historic sites located within the general project area? YES NO

If YES, explain: _____

See Attachment No. ____

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Attach **three complete sets of color photographs**, clearly dated and labeled, showing the vegetation that exists at the below-listed three locations. For time extension petitions, the photographs should document only those areas of the project that will be impacted during the requested extension period.

- Along the stream channel immediately downstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion.
- Along the stream channel immediately upstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion.
- At the place(s) where the water is to be used.

There will be no change in DWR or Bureau facilities and no construction required as part of the requested change.

8. CERTIFICATION

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

Date: March 20, 2009

Signature: 