

State of California
State Water Resources Control Board
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
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PETITION FOR CHANGE
For owners of waste water treatment plants
(WATER CODE 1211)

Point of Discharge Place of Use Purpose of Use

City of Visalia Water Conservation Plant (559) 713 - 4466
(Name of petitioner) (Telephone - between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.)

7579 Ave. 288 Visalia CA 93277
(Mailing address) (City or town) (State) (Zip code)

I (we) hereby petition for change(s) noted above and shown on the accompanying map and described as follows:

Point of Discharge (Give coordinate distances in California Coordinates, NAD 83, or other ties as allowed by Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 715. Also provide the 40-acre subdivision in which the present and proposed points of discharge lie.)

Present 36.3124(N), -119.4159(W)
Proposed _____

Place of Use (If irrigation, then state number of acres to be irrigated within each 40-acre tract.)

Present See Attachment
Proposed _____

Purpose of Use

Present ag irrigation
Proposed irrigation of landscape and ag lands.

If the quantity of treated wastewater discharged to a surface stream will be reduced, identify the quantity that will no longer be discharged to the stream in cubic feet per second: Discharge to be eliminated, -18.5FT³/sec

Provide a map identifying the current point of discharge and any proposed new points of discharge.

GIVE REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE: City to increase water recycling efforts.

I (we) have access to the proposed point of diversion or control the proposed place of use by virtue of ? Ownership
(ownership, lease verbal or written agreement)

If by lease or agreement, state the name and address of party(s) from whom access has been obtained.

Give name and address of any person(s) taking water from the stream between the present point(s) of discharge and the proposed point(s) of diversion, as well as any other person(s) known to you who may be affected by the proposed change.

See attached list

Will this change involve water provided by a water service contract which prohibits your exclusive right to this treated water? No (yes/no)

Will any legal user of the discharge treated waste water be affected? No (yes/no)

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3/14/2011*

A copy of the petition must be provided to the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG). Indicate the date that the petition was provided to DFG and provide a copy of the transmittal letter to DFG:

~~February 22, 2011~~ March 8, 2011

I (we) declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Dated: March 8, 2011, 1911 at
Visalia, California

James K Ross (59) 713-4466
Signature(s) Telephone No.

NOTE: A \$1,000 filing fee made payable to the State Water Resources Control Board and an \$850 fee made payable to the Department of Fish and Game must accompany this petition for change.



March 8, 2011

Julie Means
Department of Fish and Game
1234 E. Shaw Ave.
Fresno, CA 93710

Re: Petition for Change of discharge

The City of Visalia is currently in the design phase of a major upgrade to its Water Conservation Plant (WCP). Construction of the project is expected to begin 4th quarter 2011. As part of the project, the City will discontinue discharging to its primary discharge point, Mill Creek, and will begin an aggressive water recycling program.

The City has applied for financial assistance from the State Revolving Fund program. As part of that application process, a Water Rights determination is required. Therefore, the City is submitting this Petition for Change, along with applicable fees.

A copy of this application has been sent to the Division of Water Rights in Sacramento.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this project or application, please feel free to contact me at the above address or by email at jross@ci.visalia.ca.us.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James K. Ross".

James Ross
Public Works Manager
559-713-4466

California Environmental Protection Agency

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**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION
FOR PETITIONS***

* Required for all petitions, including change petitions, time extension petitions, wastewater change petitions and instream flow dedication 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.

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.

City of Visalia is upgrading its wastewater treatment plant to provide Title 22 unrestricted recycling of effluent. Discharge will no longer be to Mill Creek.

Effluent will be used on nearby City-owned landscaped areas and agricultural lands.

Project may include exchanging treated effluent with one or more irrigation districts for surface water, which will be used for groundwater recharge

throughout the city.

See Attachment No. ____

2. COUNTY PERMITS

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

Person contacted: Resource Management Date of contact: January 2011

Department: Building Permits Telephone: (559) 733-6291

County Zoning Designation:

Quasi Public

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

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)

None

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:

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:

Brian Erlandsan, 559-243-4014 x 220

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

Notice of Preparation filed _____, Draft EIR currently being prepared.

See Attachment No. _____

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

** Note: CEQA requires that the State Water Board, 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 State Water Board, Division of Water Rights.

5. WASTE/WASTEWATER

- 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.):

Project is upgrading an existing wastewater treatment facility

See Attachment No. _____

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

Person contacted: RWQCB - Fresno Date of contact: January 2011

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

Preliminary screening, primary sedimentation, activated sludge with nutrient removal, micro-filtration, UV disinfection. Disposal by reuse.

See Attachment No. ____

6. ARCHEOLOGY

- 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 **two 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.

All potential use areas have not yet been identified. Area maps included which show current usage and cropping patters in the area likely to be served.

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 4, 2011 Signature: James R Ross Jr.