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## State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TEMPORARY CHANGE  
INVOLVING THE TRANSFER OF UP TO 1,500 ACRE-FEET OF WATER  
FROM MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
TO SAN LUIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX  
UNDER LICENSE 2685 (APPLICATION 1224)  
IN MERCED COUNTY**

COUNTY:                   MERCED                                   STREAM SYSTEM:   MERCED RIVER

On July 18, 2013, Merced Irrigation District filed a petition for temporary change to transfer up to 1,500 acre feet of water pursuant to Water Code section 1725 et seq., under water right License 2685 (Application 1224). The water will be transferred to the East Bear Creek Unit of the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge Complex (SLNWR). The proposed change will include the addition of the following to License 2685: 1) the East Bear Creek Unit Pumping Plant as an additional point of rediversion; 2) the East Bear Creek of the SLNWR as an additional place of use; and 3) Fish and Wildlife Enhancement as an additional purpose of use. Temporary changes under Water Code section 1725 may be effective for a period of up to one year. Any correspondence directed to the petitioner should be mailed to: Merced Irrigation District, c/o Mr. Darren Cordova, MBK Engineers, 1771 Tribute Road, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95815; email: [cordova@mbkengineers.com](mailto:cordova@mbkengineers.com); Fax: (916) 456-0253

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1726(f), any interested party may file a comment regarding this petition. Comments must be received by the Division of Water Rights by 4:30 p.m. on **August 23, 2013**. A copy must also be provided to the petitioner at the address above. To obtain detailed information regarding the proposed transfer, you may view the petition by visiting the Division's website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/applications/transfers\\_tu\\_notices/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml). Should you have any other questions regarding this matter, please contact Kate Gaffney at (916) 341-5360 or by e-mail at [kgaffney@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kgaffney@waterboards.ca.gov). Written correspondences or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Kate Gaffney, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 or via fax at (916) 341-5400.

Date of Notice: **July 24, 2013**

**Summary of License 2685 and Changes Proposed with Petition for Temporary Transfer**

Source	Merced River
Points of Diversion	1) New Exchequer Dam within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, T4S, R15E, MDB&M 2) Merced Falls Diversion Dam within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, T5S, R15E, MDB&M 3) Crocker-Huffman Diversion Dam within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, T5S, R15E, MDB&M 4) Mariposa Town Planning Area diversion within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, T4S, R18E, MDB&M
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<i>Proposed Additional Point of Rediversion During Transfer</i>	East Bear Creek Unit Pumping Plant on Bear Creek located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T8S, R11E, MDB&M.
Amount	1,500 cubic feet per second by direct diversion 266,400 acre-feet by storage Combined direct diversion/storage limit of 345,440 acre-feet annually
<i>Amount Proposed To Be Transferred</i>	A maximum of 1,500 acre-feet.
Diversion Season	Direct Diversion: About March 1 through about October 31 Storage: About October 1 through about July 1 of the succeeding year
Purpose of Use	Irrigation, Domestic, Municipal
<i>Proposed Additional Purpose of Use During Transfer</i>	Fish and Wildlife Enhancement
Place of Use	Domestic and irrigation use on 164,395 gross acres within the MID boundaries; Municipal use to 1,900 acres known as the Mariposa Town Planning Area; Irrigation use on 9,418.6 acres within the El Nido Irrigation District boundaries
<i>Proposed Addition to Place of Use During Transfer</i>	The East Bear Creek Unit of the SLNWR which includes approximately 3,677 acres located within portions of Sections 6-9, 17-20, and 29, T8S, R11E; and portions of Sections 12 & 13, T8S, R10E, MDB&M.