



## State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY TRANSFER AND CHANGE  
FILED BY WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
LICENSES 6000 AND 9407 (APPLICATIONS 2221 AND 1389)  
AND INVOLVING FEDERALLY ADJUDICATED RIGHTS ESTABLISHED BY  
THE WALKER RIVER DECREE**

On February 28, 2013, Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) filed petitions for the temporary transfer of water and change, including instream flow dedication, under Licenses 6000 and 9407 with the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) pursuant to Water Code section 1725 et seq., and section 1707. The proposed changes involve waters of the Walker River adjudicated by the United States District Court for the District of Nevada in the federal Walker River Decree (*United States of America v. Walker River Irrigation District*, Case In Equity, C-125). Thus, in addition to applicable California law, the change petitions will be processed in accordance with the Amended Administrative Rules and Regulations adopted by the federal district court in Case No. C-125, as amended through June 3, 1996. The Administrative Rules generally establish procedural requirements for change applications (known as change petitions under California law) filed to change the point of diversion, manner of use, or purpose of use of waters adjudicated in the Walker River Decree. This notice, which shall be published between the dates of March 14, 2013 and April 18, 2013, serves to fulfill the requirements of Article IV, Section 4.1 and 4.3 of the Administrative Rules and applicable California law.

WRID filed the petitions in order to assist with increasing the flow into Walker Lake for environmental restoration as part of the Walker River Restoration Program. The purpose of the petitions is to 1) add to the existing place of use covered under License 6000 by including the West Walker River from Topaz Reservoir to the confluence of the Walker River, thence the Walker River to and encompassing Walker Lake, and add to the existing place of use covered under License 9407 by including the East Walker River from Bridgeport Reservoir to the confluence of the Walker River, thence the Walker River to and encompassing Walker Lake; and 2) add Fish and Wildlife Preservation and Enhancement as an additional purpose of use for release of up to 25,000 acre-feet for instream dedication to Walker Lake involving water that was previously stored or would have otherwise been held in storage at Topaz Reservoir and/or Bridgeport Reservoir. Temporary changes under Water Code section 1725 may be effective for a period of up to one year.

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**Summary of Licenses 6000 and 9407 and Changes Proposed with Petitions for Temporary Transfer**

**License 6000 (Application 2221)**

Source	West Walker River
Point of Diversion	Within the SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 12, T9N, R22E, MDB&M
Amount	Storage of 57,580 acre-feet per annum in Topaz Reservoir Maximum rate of diversion to off-stream storage of 1,000 cubic feet per second
<i>Amount Proposed To Be Transferred</i>	A maximum of 25,000 acre-feet.
Diversion Season	From about October 1 of each year to about July 15 of the succeeding year.
Purpose of Use	Domestic and irrigation
<i>Proposed Additional Purpose of Use During Transfer</i>	Fish and Wildlife Preservation and Enhancement
Place of Use	A net area of 79,174 acres within a gross area of 132,573 acres, being within the boundaries of WRID, as shown on map filed with State Water Rights Board
<i>Proposed Addition to Place of Use During Transfer</i>	West Walker River from Topaz Reservoir to the confluence of the Walker River, thence the Walker River to and encompassing Walker Lake, as shown in Exhibit A.
<i>Proposed Instream Flow Dedication Location Description</i>	<u>Upstream Point of Dedication:</u> Topaz Reservoir located within the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 12, T9N, R22E, MDB&M <u>Downstream Point of Dedication:</u> The terminus of Walker River into and including Walker Lake in T9-11N, R29-30E, MDB&M.

**License 9407 (Application 1389)**

Source	East Walker River
Point of Diversion	Bridgeport Reservoir located within the SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 34, T6N, R25E, MDB&M
Amount	Storage of 39,700 acre-feet per annum Maximum amount held in reservoir at any time of 42,500 acre-feet Maximum withdrawal in any one year shall not exceed 36,000 acre-feet.
<i>Amount Proposed To Be Transferred</i>	A maximum of 25,000 acre-feet.
Diversion Season	From about September 1 of each year to about July 20 of the succeeding year.
Purpose of Use	Irrigation and Recreational
<i>Proposed Additional Purpose of Use During Transfer</i>	Fish and Wildlife Preservation and Enhancement
Place of Use	A net area of 52,062 acres net within the gross area of WRID, as shown on map filed with the State Water Board.
<i>Proposed Addition to Place of Use During Transfer</i>	East Walker River from Bridgeport Reservoir to the confluence of the Walker River, thence the Walker River to and encompassing Walker Lake, as shown in Exhibit A.
<i>Proposed Instream Flow Dedication Location Description</i>	<u>Upstream Point of Dedication:</u> Bridgeport Reservoir located within the SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 34, T6N, R25E, MDB&M <u>Downstream Point of Dedication:</u> The terminus of Walker River into and including Walker Lake in T9-11N, R29-30E, MDB&M.

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1726(f), and unless otherwise expressly provided under the Administrative Rules, any interested person may file a comment regarding this petition. **Comments must be received by the Division of Water Rights by 4:30 p.m. on April 22, 2013. A copy must also be provided to the petitioner at the following addresses:** 1) Walker River Irrigation District, c/o Darren Cordova, MBK Engineers, 1771 Tribute Road, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95815; and 2) Kenneth Spooner, Walker Irrigation District, P.O. Box 820, Yerington, NV 89447

To obtain detailed information regarding the proposed transfer, you may view the petitions/applications 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.

Date of Notice: March 13, 2013