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State Water Resources Control Board
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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PETITIONS

This form is required for all 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.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES OR WORK REMAINING TO BE COMPLETED

For a petition for 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.

See Attachment No. 1 to Environmental Information.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

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Coordination with Regional Water Quality Control Board

For change petitions only, you must request consultation with the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the potential effects of your proposed change on water quality and other instream beneficial uses. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.) In order to determine the appropriate office for consultation, see: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.shtml. Provide the date you submitted your request for consultation here, then provide the following information.

Date of Request

Not Applicable.

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

Will a waste discharge permit be required for the project?

Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Local Permits

For temporary transfers only, you must contact the board of supervisors for the county(ies) both for where you currently store or use water and where you propose to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.) Provide the date you submitted your request for consultation here.

Date of Contact

February 28, 2013

For change petitions only, you should contact your local planning or public works department and provide the information below.

Person Contacted: Date of Contact:

Department: Phone Number:

County Zoning Designation:

Are any county permits required for your project? If yes, indicate type below. Yes No

- Grading Permit Use Permit Watercourse Obstruction Permit
- Change of Zoning General Plan Change Other (explain below)

If applicable, have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide copies. Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Federal and State Permits

Check any additional agencies that may require permits or other approvals for your project:

- Regional Water Quality Control Board Department of Fish and Game
- Dept of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams California Coastal Commission
- State Reclamation Board U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

Have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide copies. Yes No

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

Agency	Permit Type	Person(s) Contacted	Contact Date	Phone Number
Not Applicable.				

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Construction or Grading Activity

Does the project involve any construction or grading-related activity that has significantly altered or would significantly alter the bed, bank or riparian habitat of any stream or lake? Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Archeology

- Has an archeological report been prepared for this project? If yes, provide a copy. Yes No
- Will another public agency be preparing an archeological report? Yes No
- Do you know of any archeological or historic sites in the area? If yes, explain below. Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Photographs

For all petitions other than time extensions, attach complete sets of color photographs, clearly dated and labeled, showing the vegetation that exists at the following three locations:

See Attachment No. 1

- Along the stream channel immediately downstream from each point of diversion
- Along the stream channel immediately upstream from each point of diversion
- At the place where water subject to this water right will be used

Maps

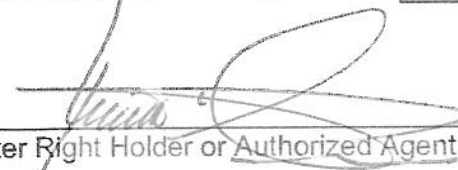
See Attachment No. 1

For all petitions other than time extensions, attach maps labeled in accordance with the regulations showing all applicable features, both present and proposed, including but not limited to: point of diversion, point of redirection, distribution of storage reservoirs, point of discharge of treated wastewater, place of use, and location of instream flow dedication reach. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 715 et seq., 794.)

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 794, petitions for change submitted without maps may not be accepted.

All Water Right Holders Must Sign This Form:

I (we) hereby certify that the statements I (we) have furnished above and in the attachments are complete to the best of my (our) ability and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. Dated 25 February 2013 at Walker River Irrigation District.


Water Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature

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NOTE:

- Petitions for Change may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition was served on the Department of Fish and Game. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.)
- Petitions for Temporary Transfer may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition was served on the Department of Fish and Game and the board of supervisors for the county(ies) where you currently store or use water and the county(ies) where you propose to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.)

**Attachment No. 1
to Environmental Information for
Petition for Temporary Transfer and Instream Flow Dedication
by Walker River Irrigation District**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Walker River Irrigation District (District) is filing Petitions for Temporary Transfer and Instream Flow Dedication (Petitions) to its Licenses 6000 and 9407 (Applications 2221 and 1389, respectively) in order to assist with increasing the flow into Walker Lake for environmental restoration in the Walker River Basin as provided in Public Law 111-85, which established the Walker River Restoration Program. The purpose of these Petitions is to add to the existing places of use covered under Licenses 6000 and 9407 by including the downstream river segments of the West Walker River and the East Walker River, respectively, and the Walker River to and encompassing Walker Lake. In addition, the purpose of the Petitions is to add Fish and Wildlife Preservation and Enhancement as an additional purpose of use under Licenses 6000 and 9407. There are no changes to the existing points of diversion, places of use, or purposes of use identified in Licenses 6000 and 9407.

The District has an agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to administer and manage a “Stored Water Program” in the Walker River Basin. The purpose of the Stored Water Program is to release surface water from Topaz Reservoir and Bridgeport Reservoir for instream flow dedication to and including Walker Lake. The District proposes to release up to 25,000 AF for instream dedication to Walker Lake involving surface water that was previously stored or would have otherwise been held in storage at Topaz Reservoir or Bridgeport Reservoir under Licenses 6000 and 9407, respectively, absent the proposed transfer, some or all of which would have been released for irrigation purposes within the District. The releases by the District for the proposed temporary water transfer would occur during a period of up to one year following approval of the Petitions.

The Petitions do not involve a physical change to the District’s existing diversion facilities or its existing conveyance system, including the existing Topaz Reservoir and Bridgeport Reservoir. The proposed quantities of water to be released by the District for the water transfer and instream flow dedication are variable and depend upon hydrologic conditions and participation in the Stored Water Program by individual growers within the District. Following evaluation of participation by growers in the Stored Water Program, the District will develop and operate to a schedule of releases for the proposed temporary transfer and instream flow dedication that will be coordinated with the Chief Deputy Water Commissioner under the Walker River Decree and other entities, including NFWF.

PHOTOGRAPHS

No changes to the present authorized points of diversion or places of use are proposed. Photographs along the stream channel at the present points of diversion and within the present

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places of use are included in the State Water Board's files for Licenses 6000 and 9407; and thus, the District respectfully requests that said photographs be made a part of the record for these Petitions. The proposed additional places of use, including the East Walker River from Bridgeport Reservoir to the confluence of the Walker River, and the West Walker River from Topaz Reservoir to the confluence of the Walker River, thence the Walker River to and encompassing Walker Lake, are well known and documented. For reference, see the website for the Walker River Restoration Program < www.walkerbasin.org >, which contains several photographs. Additional photographs may be made available upon request.

MAPS

The present authorized points of diversion and present places of use are shown on a map filed with the State Water Board for Licenses 6000 and 9407. The proposed additional places of use and instream flow dedication reach are shown on a map filed with the State Water Board for Licenses 6000 and 9407, together with maps included as Exhibit A, which were prepared by NFWF for the lower reaches of the Walker River to and including Walker Lake.

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