

State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TEMPORARY CHANGE INVOLVING THE TRANSFER OF UP TO 6,600 ACRE-FEET OF WATER TO SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY UNDER PERMIT 16479 (APPLICATION 14443)

On May 27, 2014, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) filed a petition for temporary change to transfer water pursuant to Water Code section 1725 et seq. The requested temporary change involves the transfer of up to 6,600 acre-feet (af) of water from Garden Highway Mutual Water Company (GHMWC) to San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA). In order to facilitate the transfer, DWR has petitioned the State Water Resources Control Board to modify the authorized place of use of DWR's Permit 16479 to include the service area of SLDMWA.

Due to the critical drought conditions in 2014, the US Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) allocated no Central Valley Project (CVP) water to its agricultural contractors south of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta this year. The districts within SLDMWA are experiencing severe water supply shortages within their services areas. SLDMWA negotiated a one-year agreement with GHMWC for the transfer of up to 6,600 af of water to augment the limited water supplies available within SLDMWA's service area. Under the agreement, the transfer water will be made available through groundwater substitution and will be delivered by Reclamation or DWR to SLDMWA's service area through the Delta Mendota Canal or California Aqueduct from date of transfer approval through October 30, 2014. Any export of transfer water outside the period of July 1 through September 30 will require the concurrence of the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Temporary changes under Water Code section 1725 may be effective for a period of up to one year.

The petition and related project information can be viewed at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml.

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1726(f), any interested person may file a comment regarding the petition. Comments filed in response to this notice should be submitted to the persons listed below and must be received by 4:30 p.m. on **June 23, 2014**.

Send comments to both:

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For more information regarding this project, including procedures for filing objections, please contact Jane Ling at (916) 341-5335 or jane.ling@waterboards.ca.gov.

DATE OF NOTICE: **June 6, 2014**