



February 14, 2014  
File No. WF0279093

Katherine Mrowka  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
Water Rights Permitting Unit  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT:** Placer County Water Agency Permit No. 13856 (Application No. 18085)  
Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers

Dear Ms. Mrowka,

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) hereby submits to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Division of Water Rights (Division) a Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers (Petition) to facilitate a 20,000 acre foot (ac-ft) water transfer (transfer) to East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) pursuant to Water Code §1725-1732. This transfer would involve surplus water currently stored in PCWA's Middle Fork Project reservoirs pursuant to SWRCB water right Permit No. 13856.

In accordance with Water Code §1728, the proposed transfer of 20,000 ac-ft of water to EBMUD would begin on or about April 1, 2014 and be complete within one year of approval. The timing and volume of the proposed transfer will have a positive effect on minimum in-stream flows and water quality in the Lower American River and its tributaries. This transfer involves water that would not otherwise be released from storage by PCWA for any other purpose.

The attached petition includes all information required under Water Code §1725-1732 to demonstrate that this transfer will not injure any downstream legal user of water and would not unreasonably affect fish, wildlife, or any other in-stream beneficial uses.

PCWA requests that Division staff expedite review and public comment to the greatest extent possible under the California Water Code and consistent with the Governor's January 17, 2014 Drought Proclamation in order for PCWA to commence the physical release of water by April 1, 2014. PCWA is available to assist Division staff with any technical or administrative functions needed to complete the approval process.

Enclosed with this submittal are the following:

- One original and one copy of PCWA's Petition for Change Involving Water Transfers including the required Environmental Information Form for Petitions;
- A check for Petition filing fees in the amount of \$9,997 made payable to the State Water Board; and
- A check in the amount of \$850 made payable to the CDFW.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (530) 308-4507. Alternatively, you can reach PCWA's Resource Development point of contact for water transfers, Benjamin Barker, at (530) 863-8342 mobile, or (530) 823-1742 office.

Sincerely,



Andrew Fecko  
Director of Resource Development

Enclosures

c: David Breninger, General Manager, PCWA  
Andrew Fecko, Director of Resource Development, PCWA  
Jan Goldsmith, General Counsel, KMT&G  
Jan Lee, Senior Civil Engineer, East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Diana Messina, Supervising Water Resources Control Engineer (CVRWQCB)  
Placer County Board of Supervisors  
Alameda County Board of Supervisors  
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors  
Tina Bartlett, Regional Manager, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Please indicate County where your project is located here:

PLACER

MAIL FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO:
State Water Resources Control Board
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
Tel: (916) 341-5300 Fax: (916) 341-5400
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights

PETITION FOR CHANGE INVOLVING WATER TRANSFERS

Separate petitions are required for each water right. Mark all areas that apply to your proposed change(s). Incomplete forms may not be accepted. Location and area information must be provided on maps in accordance with established requirements. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 715 et seq.) Provide attachments if necessary.

- Point of Diversion, Point of Rediversion, Place of Use, Purpose of Use, Temporary Urgency, Temporary Change, Long-term Transfer, Instream Flow Dedication

Application 18085 Permit 13856 License ~ Statement ~

I (we) hereby petition for change(s) noted above and described as follows:

Point of Diversion or Rediversion - Provide source name and identify points using both Public Land Survey System descriptions to 1/4-1/4 level and California Coordinate System (NAD 83).

Present: Please refer to Attachments A through D of the attached Environmental Information for Petition.
Proposed: Please refer to Attachments A through D of the attached Environmental Information for Petition.

Place of Use - Identify area using Public Land Survey System descriptions to 1/4-1/4 level; for irrigation, list number of acres irrigated.

Present: Please refer to Attachments A through D of the attached Environmental Information for Petition.
Proposed: Please refer to Attachments A through D of the attached Environmental Information for Petition.

Purpose of Use

Present: Please refer to Attachments A through D of the attached Environmental Information for Petition.
Proposed: Please refer to Attachments A through D of the attached Environmental Information for Petition.

Instream Flow Dedication - Provide source name and identify points using both Public Land Survey System descriptions to 1/4-1/4 level and California Coordinate System (NAD 83).

Upstream Location: NA
Downstream Location: NA

Table with 12 columns for months (Jan-Dec) and rows for cubic feet per second and gallons per day.

Will the dedicated flow be diverted for consumptive use at a downstream location? Yes No
If yes, provide the source name, location coordinates, and the quantities of flow that will be diverted from the stream.

Proposed New User(s)

Provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers for all proposed new user(s) of the water right.

Alexander R. Coate, General Manager
East Bay Municipal Utility District
375 Eleventh Street
Oakland, CA 94607-4240
(510) 287-0101

**Amount of Water to be Transferred**

acre-feet will be transferred. If the basis of right is direct diversion, the average rate of diversion for the maximum 30-day period of use is  cubic feet per second or million gallons per day.

**General Information** – Provide the following information, if applicable to your proposed change(s).

Have you attached an analysis which documents that the amount of water to be transferred or exchanged would have been consumptively used or stored in the absence of the proposed temporary change or long-term transfer?  Yes  No

Have you attached an analysis of any changes to streamflow, water quality, timing of diversion or use, return flows, or effects on legal users from the proposed temporary change or long-term transfer?  Yes  No

Have you attached an analysis that shows the proposed temporary change or long-term transfer will not unreasonably affect fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses?  Yes  No

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

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

Please refer to Attachment A of the attached Environmental Information Petition

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

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation; San Juan Water District; Carmichael Water District; County of Sacramento; City of Sacramento.

**All Right Holders Must Sign Below:** I (we) declare under penalty of perjury that this involves only the amount of water which would have been consumptively used or stored in the absence of the proposed temporary change, and that the above is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Dated  at

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature

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Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature

**NOTE: All petitions must be accompanied by:**  
(1) the form Environmental Information for Petitions, available at:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/publications\\_forms/docs/pet\\_info.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/publications_forms/docs/pet_info.pdf)  
(2) Division of Water Rights fee, per the Water Rights Fee Schedule, available at:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/fees/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/fees/)  
(3) Department of Fish and Wildlife fee of \$850 (Pub. Resources Code, § 10005)