



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
Mid-Pacific Regional Office  
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Sacramento, California 95825-1898

IN REPLY  
REFER TO:  
MP-440  
WTR-4.10

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Ms. Victoria A. Whitney  
Chief, Division of Water Rights  
Attention: Katherine Mrowka  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Notice of Petitions for Change in Place of Use, Purpose of Use, Distribution of Storage,  
Modification of Permit Terms and Extension of Time for Water Right Permit 10477  
(Application 12842) – North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Dear Ms. Whitney:

The Bureau of Reclamation has reviewed the subject Notice of Petitions for Change filed by the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (District). The District proposes to amend Water Right Permit 10477 to add three additional Points of Diversion/Rediversion (POD/PORD) to the existing four, increase the maximum diversion to underground storage from a combined POD/PORD maximum of 10cfs to 10cfs at each of POD/PORD with the exception of the existing Camanche Reservoir POD/PORD, and expand the existing Place of Use to include the collective boundaries of North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, Stockton East Water District, and Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, and additional areas within the spheres of influence of the City of Stockton and City of Lodi for the uses of Domestic, Municipal, Industrial and Irrigation.

The District proposes no changes to the existing Season of Diversion which is December 1 through July 1 of the succeeding year and the Purpose of Use which includes recreational, domestic, municipal, industrial, irrigation, and underground storage with subsequent application to irrigation, water quality, and fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement.

If approved, additional water diverted to storage under this permit would exceed 1 cfs and 100 AF per annum, and would be for the diversion of water in the San Joaquin River Basin whereby hydraulic continuity with the Delta exists. Reclamation believes that the additional water requested under this petition for change, which is required for the proposed expansion of the existing POU, could adversely affect the operations of the Central Valley Project (CVP) when Reclamation is required to release supplemental project water to meet legal requirements for maintaining water quality and fish and wildlife.

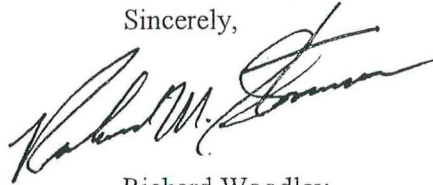
By this letter, Reclamation formally protests the subject petitions based on interference with prior water rights held by the United States for the operation of the CVP and adverse impacts on the environmental health of the Delta. This protest may be dismissed provided; that the SWRCB finds that water is available as requested by the applicant, the appropriation of that water would not contribute to further

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decline of the Delta's environmental health, and that any permit issued pursuant to Application 29657 be  
conditioned with Standard Permit Terms 80, 90 and 91.

Any questions you may have regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Janice Webb, Water Rights  
Specialist at 916-978-5289.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Woodley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "W".

Richard Woodley  
Regional Resource Manager

cc: North San Joaquin Water Conservation District  
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