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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TEMPORARY CHANGE INVOLVING THE TRANSFER OF UP TO 620 ACRE-FEET OF WATER FROM EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO VARIOUS CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT AND STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTOR AGENCIES UNDER LICENSE 2184 (APPLICATION 1692)**

On May 22, 2026, El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), filed a Petition for Temporary Change with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to transfer up to 620 acre-feet (af) of water pursuant to Water Code section 1725 et seq., under water right License 2184 (Application 1692). Temporary changes approved pursuant to Water Code section 1725 may be effective for up to one year.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSFER**

The transfer would involve up to 620 af of water previously stored in Weber Reservoir under License 2184. EID proposes to transfer the water from July through November 2026 to various Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) Contractor Agencies by re-operating Weber Reservoir to release water that would have remained in storage in 2026.

#### **PROPOSED CHANGES**

EID requests the following temporary changes to its water right License 2184 (Application 1692).

1. Add the Banks Pumping Plant as a point of rediversion;
2. Add the Jones Pumping Plant as a point of rediversion;
3. Add San Luis Reservoir as a point of rediversion; and
4. Add a portion of the service areas of the CVP and SWP as additional places of use.

While not part of this Water Code 1725 petition, the EID transfer project also includes an additional amount through re-operation of EID's Silver Lake and Caples Lake under pre-1914 water rights, for a total transfer amount, inclusive of the Weber Reservoir re-operation, of 5,000 af of transfer water.

A copy of the petition and petition attachments is available on EID's website at:

<https://www.eid.org/home/showpublisheddocument/18877>

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Temporary changes petitioned pursuant to Water Code section 1725 are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). However, the State Water Board must consider potential impacts to other legal users of the water and to fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses.

## **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

Pursuant to Water Code sections 1725, et seq., the State Water Board is authorized to issue temporary change orders, allowing the transfer or exchange of water or water rights after completing an evaluation and finding that the proposed temporary changes:

1. Involves only water that would otherwise have been consumptively used or stored by permittee or licensee;
2. Would not injure any legal user of the water; and
3. Would not unreasonably affect fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses.

Water Code section 1728, subdivision (e) states in part that when evaluating transfers, "...the board shall not deny, or place conditions on, a temporary change to avoid or mitigate impacts that are not caused by the temporary change..." Additionally, Water Code section 1728, subdivision (d) states in part that "...the board shall not modify any term or condition of the petitioner's permit or license, including those terms that protect other legal users of water, fish, wildlife, and other instream beneficial uses, except as necessary to carry out the temporary change..."

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS**

Pursuant to Water Code section 1726, subdivision (d), the State Water Board is providing notice of this petition and seeking information to assist in the evaluation of the proposed temporary changes. Comments should identify the application or license number being addressed. The comments must address one or more of the required findings described above; only comments related to effects caused by the temporary changes will be considered.

The petitioner has the burden of establishing that the proposed temporary change will not injure any legal user of the water, or unreasonably affect fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses. If the State Water Board determines that the petitioner has established a prima facie case, the burden of proof then shifts to the party that has filed comments (Water Code section 1728). Since at this time the State Water Board has not made a determination regarding whether the petition identified above presents a prima

facie case, persons commenting on a petition should provide sufficient information to support claims of injury or effects on fish, wildlife, or other instream uses.

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1726 subdivision (f), any interested person may file a comment regarding the petition. **Comments filed in response to this notice must be received by the Division of Water Rights at [WaterRightPetitions@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:WaterRightPetitions@waterboards.ca.gov) by 4:30pm on June 22, 2026. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the persons below.**

Send comments to both:

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For more information regarding this matter, please contact Arvin Chi by email at [Arvin.Chi@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Arvin.Chi@waterboards.ca.gov). Written correspondence or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Arvin Chi, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Date of Notice: **May 26, 2026**