

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

In the Matter of Minor Change Request
Eastern Municipal Water District

**ORDER APPROVING MINOR CHANGE TO
PERMITS 21235 AND 21404
(APPLICATIONS 30503 AND 31799)**

SOURCE: Unnamed Subterranean Stream

COUNTY: Riverside

BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) issued water right Permit 21235 (Application 30503) to McCanna Ranch Water Company on April 14, 2009. Permit 21235 was subsequently assigned to Eastern Municipal Water District on October 16, 2024.
2. The State Water Board issued Water Right Permit 21404 (Application 31799) to the City of Perris on October 18, 2018. Permit 21404 was subsequently assigned to Eastern Municipal Water District on October 16, 2024.
3. Permit 21235 authorizes direct diversion of up to 2.75 cubic feet per second (cfs) from January 1 to December 31 of each year, with a maximum annual diversion of 913 acre-feet. The authorized purposes of use are irrigation, domestic, and fire protection.
4. Permit 21404 authorizes direct diversion of up to 5.51 cfs from January 1 to December 31 of each year, with a maximum annual diversion of 462 acre-feet for municipal use.
5. Both permits authorize diversion via four wells from an unnamed subterranean stream tributary to the West San Jacinto Groundwater Basin (a closed basin) in Riverside County. The points of diversion (PODs) for the wells are located within: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 (Wells No. 1 and 2.), SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10 (Well

No.3), and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10 (Well No.4), all within Township 4 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBB&M).

6. On March 17, 2025, Eastern Municipal Water District filed minor change requests to Permits 21235 and 21404 requesting to add a point of diversion (Well No. 55) located within the California Coordinate System, NAD 83, Zone 6, North 2,247,983 feet and East 6,272,999 feet being within the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 4 South, Range 3 West, SBB&M. Both permits will share the same POD currently authorized under Permit 21403 (Application 31791).
7. The Minor Change request was noticed on August 21, 2025, by posting on the Board's website and emailing to interested parties. The notice period ended on September 5, 2025, and no comments were received.
8. Pursuant to Water Code Section 1700.6, the State Water Board may make a minor change to a permit or license without requiring the filing of a petition for change if the Board finds all of the following:
 - The change involves a minor adjustment of the point of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use.
 - The change will not result in an increase in consumptive use.
 - The change does not have the potential to adversely affect the water supply of other legal users of water or instream beneficial uses.

As set forth in the relevant code, a "minor change" refers to a change in the permit or license that does not initiate a new appropriative right and meets the three requirements listed above. (Wat. Code, § 1700.6.)

9. The requested change to add a point of diversion (Well No.55), to Permits 21235 and 21404 meet the requirements provided by Water Code section 1700.6. The modifications involve minor changes, will not result in an increase in consumptive use, and do not have the potential to adversely affect the water supply of other legal users of water or instream beneficial uses
10. The Eastern Municipal Water District indicated that there will be no construction required to implement the above changes. Further, no new or adapted facilities are needed to facilitate the above changes. Thus, Division staff believes that the purpose of use is consistent with CEQA Categorical Exemption section 15301b, Existing Facilities.
11. In addition to any obligation the State Water Board may have under CEQA, the State Water Board has an independent obligation to consider the effect of the proposed changes on public trust resources and to protect those resources where feasible.

(National Audubon Society v. Superior Court (1983) 33 Cal.3d 419 [189 Cal.Rptr. 346, 658 P.2d 709].) There is no evidence that the changes described in Section 9 will have any adverse impacts on public trust resources.

12. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-0029, the State Water Board has delegated authority to the Deputy Director for Water Rights to issue change orders under specific circumstances. (Resolution No. 2012-0029, section 4.2.9.) Resolution No. 2012-0029 authorizes the Deputy Director to redelegate this authority, and this authority has been so redelegated by memorandum dated April 20, 2023.

THEREFORE, THE REQUESTS TO MAKE MINOR CHANGES TO PERMITS 21235 and 21404 (APPLICATIONS 30503 and 31799) ARE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following point of diversion shall be added to Permits 21235 and 21404

Well No. 55

California Coordinate System, NAD 83, Zone 6, North 2,247,983 feet and East 6,272,999 feet being within the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 4 South, Range 3 West, SBB&M

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
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Dated: January 15, 2026