
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Water Right Application T033386

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (District) filed a temporary water right permit application with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights, pursuant to Water Code section 1425 et seq. The project associated with the application is in San Joaquin County and would involve diversion of water from the Mokelumne River for underground storage as described below.

Summary of Water Right Application T033386

Type of Temporary Permit: 180-day

Date of Filing: The application was filed with the State Water Board on August 25, 2023.

Source of Water: The source of water is Mokelumne River, which is tributary to the San Joaquin River.

Amount: The maximum amount of water requested for diversion to underground storage is 1,350 acre-feet which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 27 cubic feet per second (cfs). For purposes of the temporary application, the District proposes to divert at lower rates of no more than 15 cfs at each pump station and no more than 27 cfs at any one time cumulatively.

Season of Diversion: November 5 through November 30, 2023.

Points of Diversion: Water would be diverted from three points of diversion (POD) listed below. The District will divert water from the Mokelumne River using three existing pump stations (South, North and CALFED) that are approved PODs under Permit 10477.

- North Pump - located at North 2,248,724 feet and East 6,368,412 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 26, Township 4 North, Range 7 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- South Pump - located at North 2,243,275 feet and East 6,364,793 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 7 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

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- CALFED Pump - located at North 2,243,629 feet and East 6,355,205 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 7 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purpose of Use: Irrigation use.

Place of Use: Irrigation use on up to 45,000 acres located within the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Boundaries as shown on map filed with the State Water Board.

Location and Type of Infiltration:

Recharge efforts proposed in the application seek to benefit the critically overdrafted Eastern San Joaquin groundwater subbasin. Recharge areas include 243 acres of agricultural land located within District boundaries, and would consist of 233 acres of on-farm recharge areas and 10 acres of existing recharge basins. Recharge areas are shown on map filed with the State Water Board.

Use Accounting: The District is proposing to use the “last in, first out” accounting methodology described by the State Water Resources Control Board on its website for temporary water right permits for groundwater recharge. Under this methodology, the water diverted at the PODs would be considered the last groundwater to enter the aquifer and the first groundwater to be extracted during the irrigation season. The total amount of groundwater added to the aquifer would be determined using the District’s groundwater model and the accounting methods described in the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The District assumes that all groundwater stored under this project will be extracted within 180 days based on historical records of water demand within the project area.

Water Rights Records Database

Documentation related to this application is available by accessing the State Water Board’s electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) database:

- Go to <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ewrims/>
- Select “eWRIMS Database System” to open the eWRIMS Database
- Select “Accept” to accept the Public Records Act notice
- Select “Water Rights Records Search”
- Enter the application number in the “Application ID” field, then select “Search”
- Select the application number on the left side of the results to open the record
 - Select “View Document” to see the application and related documentation
 - Select “View Map” to see the application map
 - Select the “Map It” button to open the record in the eWRIMS GIS viewer

Procedure for Filing Objections

Pursuant to Water Code section 1425, any interested person may file an objection against the approval of the subject application. Objections should be submitted via email to the staff contact listed below but may also be submitted via regular mail or hand delivered. If objections are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the staff contact listed below.

Objections must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **4:30 p.m.** on **September 29, 2023**, with copy provided to the applicant. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file an objection.

For 180-day permit applications only: Pursuant to Water Code section 1428, the board may issue a temporary permit in advance of public notice. Consequently, a temporary permit may be issued on the application before the end of the noticing period.

Contact Information

Please direct all requests and inquiries regarding this notice to Greg Brown at greg.brown@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 323-7705 (email is the preferred means of communication). Written correspondence should be addressed to:

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All written correspondence directed to the applicant should be addressed to:

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Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is August 29, 2023.