
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Water Right Application T033377

Scott Valley Irrigation District (SVID) 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 located in Siskiyou County and would divert water from the Scott River stream system. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

Summary of Water Right Application T033377

Type of Temporary Permit: 180-Day Temporary Permit

Date of Filing: The application was filed with the State Water Board on June 14, 2023.

Source of Water: The source of water is the Scott River, which is tributary to Klamath River, thence the Pacific Ocean.

Amount: The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 5,400 acre-feet per year, which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 30 cubic feet per second.

Season of Diversion: The season for diversion of water would be from January 1 to March 31, 2024.

Point of Diversion: The point where water would be diverted is located at North 2,408,391 feet and East 6,329,790 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 1, North American Datum 1983, within the NW (¼) quarter of the NE (¼) quarter of Section 2, Township 41 North, Range 9 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purpose of Use: The purposes of use for water are Fish and Wildlife Preservation and/or Enhancement.

Place of Use: The place of use is within the Scott River between upstream River Mile 46.7 and downstream River Mile 21. Refer to map contained in attachments to application submittal.

Location and Type of Infiltration: The water would be applied to 1,400 acres of agricultural fields within the SVID service area adjacent to the SVID service ditch. Water would also infiltrate through the SVID Service Ditch along the eastside of Scott Valley extends from the diversion dam at River Mile 46.7 and is 13.2 miles long. Along the ditch are “turnouts” that deliver water into lateral ditches for each diversion field for flood irrigation.

Use Accounting: The water stored underground would naturally make its way back into the Scott River with the intention of enhancing summer flows for the beneficial use of instream fish and wildlife enhancement. The effectiveness of this recharge effort would be measured using shallow piezometers located along SVID’s service ditch. Eight groundwater wells instrumented with pressure transducers on the east side of the Scott River would measure groundwater levels. Additionally, measurements of isotopic composition will be used to determine the fate of recharge.

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 1428, 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 1, 2023, with copy provided to the applicant. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file an objection.

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 Benjamin McCovery at Benjamin.McCovery@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 327-8595 (email is the preferred means of communication). Written correspondence should be addressed to:

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights,
Attn: Benjamin McCovery, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

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

Jim Morris, P.O. Box 216, Fort Jones, CA 96032

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is July 21, 2023.