
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF WATER RIGHT APPLICATION A025517X01

Notice is hereby given that the Sites Project Authority (Authority) has filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) an application to appropriate water by permit (A025517X01). The application was filed in conjunction with a petition requesting partial assignment of state-filed application A025517 (priority date of September 30, 1977) to application A025517X01; and petitions requesting release from priority of state-filed applications A025513, A022514, A022235, A023780, A023781, and any unassigned portion of state-filed application A025517 in favor of application A025517X01 of Sites Project Authority.

Summary of Water Right Application A025517X01

Name and Address of Applicant: Sites Project Authority – P.O. Box 517, Maxwell, CA 95955

Date of Filing: The Authority filed Application A025517X01 on May 11, 2022. The Authority filed amended application material on January 6, 2023, in response to a request from the State Water Board for information necessary to address incomplete aspects of the initial application filing, and application errata on May 4, 2023, to correct or otherwise clarify information contained in the initial and amended application filings.

Sources of Water Supply: The sources of water applied for are the Sacramento River, Funks Creek, and Stone Corral Creek. Funks Creek is tributary to Stone Corral Creek, which is tributary to the Sacramento River.

Amount: The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 1,500,000 acre-feet per year, to be diverted from the Sacramento River at a rate not to exceed 4,200 cubic feet per second and from Funks Creek and Stone Corral Creek at rates equivalent to the rate of inflow at the points of diversion specified below.

Season of Diversion: The season of diversion applied for is from September 1 of each year to June 14 of the succeeding year.

Points of Diversion: The application proposes diversion at four points:

1. Golden Gate Dam (Funks Creek) located at North 2,250,718 feet and East 6,471,642 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

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2. Sites Dam (Stone Corral Creek) located at North 2,238,160 feet and East 6,468,808 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
3. Tehama-Colusa Canal (Sacramento River) located at North 1,940,053 feet and East 6,502,708 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 1, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, near Sacramento River Mile 243.3
4. Glenn-Colusa Main Canal (Sacramento River) located at North 2,413,589 feet and East 6,547,497 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 2, Township 22 North, Range 2 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, near Sacramento River Mile 205

Points of Rediversion: The application proposes rediversion at Sites Dam, Golden Gate Dam (listed above), and fifty-two other points located in Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Merced, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo counties (listed on pages 5 through 10 of this notice).

Purpose of Use: The purposes of (water) use applied for are irrigation, municipal, domestic, industrial, water quality, fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement, and recreational. Incidental uses applied for are power, aquaculture, frost protection, stockwatering, and fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement.

Place of Use: The place of use applied for consists of 32,691,036 acres within Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba, Sacramento, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Alameda, Stanislaus, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Kern, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial Counties.

Access to Application and Petition Documents

Documentation related to the subject application and the accompanying petitions is available via 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

Due to large file size, the application attachments and related information are available using the State Water Board’s File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site. To request access to the FTP site, please email Sites-WR-Application@Waterboards.ca.gov with “Request for Sites FTP access” in the subject line.

State-Filed Applications

Documentation related to the subject state-filed applications is available via eWRIMS database by following the instructions listed above. General information regarding state-filed applications, including petitions for assignment and release from priority of state-filed applications, is available on the State Water Board’s website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/state_filed_applications/

The Applicant requested partial assignment of state-filed application A025517 (priority date of September 30, 1977), and a release from priority of six state-filed applications in favor of its application A025517X01. In accordance with Water Code section 10504.1, the State Water Board must hold a public hearing before any state-filed application is assigned or released from priority. Following the public comment period associated with this application notice and a subsequent protest resolution period, the State Water Board will issue a separate public notice to announce the public hearing on the state-filed applications and to resolve outstanding protests.

Prohibition on Ex Parte Communications

The State Water Board anticipates that it will be necessary to conduct an adjudicative proceeding on the subject application and petitions in accordance with chapter 4.5 of the Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code, § 11400 et seq.). In an abundance of caution, the Board will consider an adjudicative proceeding to be impending commencing with the issuance of this public notice, and ex parte communications will be prohibited. Ex parte communications are any type of communication regarding a substantive or controversial procedural issue in a proceeding from a party or interested person to the presiding officer or a State Water Board Member without notice and an opportunity for all parties to participate. To avoid indirect ex parte communications, which are also prohibited, the Board’s practice is to extend the prohibition against ex parte communications to Board management and staff. (Gov. Code, §§ 11430.10-11430.80.)

Please do not attempt to communicate by telephone with any Board member or Board staff regarding this application and petitions because other parties would not be able to participate. If any party wishes to communicate with the Board staff at any time regarding any issue related to this Project’s application and petitions, including non-controversial procedural matters, protest procedures, or filing of documents, please communicate by email to Sites-WR-Application@Waterboards.ca.gov. To facilitate distribution and public access to substantive and potentially controversial

communications, said communications and related documentation will be made available without restriction via the State Water Board's FTP site (see instructions to request access to the FTP site above). Once it has been developed, the Board will provide interested persons access to a service list for this proceeding, and interested persons will be required to copy the service list on future communications to the Board concerning any substantive or controversial procedural issues in the proceeding.

A document regarding ex parte communications entitled "Ex Parte Questions and Answers" is available on the State Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/docs/exparte.pdf

Procedure for Filing Protests

Pursuant to Water Code sections 1330 and 10504.01, any interested person may file a protest against the approval of the subject water right application, accompanying petition for assignment of state-filed application, or petitions for release from priority of the state-filed applications. Protests should be submitted via email with a copy to the Authority at the contacts listed below, but may also be submitted via regular mail or hand-delivered. If protests are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the contacts listed below. Protests must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **August 1, 2023**, with copy provided to the applicant. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file protests.

Protests may be submitted by email prior to the filing deadline noted above.

Prospective protestants are advised that the Applicant intends to prepare and submit an additional technical analysis by June 16, 2023. This additional analysis will consider proposed diversions under Application A025517X01 in conjunction with the potential implementation of Voluntary Agreements that have been proposed in the context of the pending update to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. Division staff will add this information to the application and petition documents within one business day of receipt. **Parties are encouraged to consider this additional information before filing any protests.**

Protests against the subject application or accompanying petitions should be filed under separate cover using the appropriate application or petition protest form. All protests should be accompanied by statements of fact supporting the allegation(s) being made.

Protest forms and filing requirements are available at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/docs/protestsubmittalinfo.pdf

In addition to grounds listed on the protest form, protests filed against the subject petitions may be based on an allegation that the petitions would:

- be in conflict with a general or coordinated plan or with water quality objectives established pursuant to law. (Wat. Code, § 10504.)
- deprive the county of origin of water necessary for the development of the county. (Wat. Code, §§ 10505, 10505.5.)

Contact Information

All electronic correspondence and filings related to this notice should be addressed to Sites-WR-Application@Waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence and filings should be addressed to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Sites Application Staff, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

All electronic correspondence directed to the Sites Project Authority should be addressed to aforsythe@sitesproject.org. Written correspondence should be addressed to Sites Project Authority, c/o Alicia Forsythe, P.O. Box 517, Maxwell, CA 95955.

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is **June 2, 2023**.

List of Points of Rediversion (continued from page 2):

5. Riggs Ranch Diversion located at North 2,119,966 feet and East 6,576,831 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 1 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
6. Jacobs Point Diversion located at North 2,061,521 feet and East 6,619,459 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 7, Township 11 North, Range 3 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
7. Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency located at North 2,008,200 feet and East 6,667,300 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 34, Township 10 North, Range 3 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, near Sacramento River Mile 70.8
8. City of Sacramento Water Treatment Plant located at North 1,978,388 feet and East 6,702,598 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 9 North, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, near Sacramento River Mile 59.9
9. Freeport Regional Water Intake located at North 1,934,251 feet and East 6,702,930 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 7 North, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, near Sacramento River mile 47.2
10. Barker Slough Pumping Plant located at North 1,862,472 feet and East 6,619,931 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 5 North, Range 2 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

11. Delta Cross Channel located at North 1,852,089 feet and East 6,702,158 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 5 North, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, near Sacramento River Mile 27.1
12. Contra Costa Canal located at North 2,179,898 feet and East 6,232,805 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 2 North, Range 3 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
13. Contra Costa Water District Old River Intake located at North 2,147,455 feet and East 6,250,918 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
14. Contra Costa Water District Victoria Canal Intake located at North 2,139,610 feet and East 6,259,970 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 9, Township 1 South, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
15. California Aqueduct Intake located at North 2,129,435 feet and East 6,245,773 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
16. Clifton Court Forebay located at North 2,126,440 feet and East 6,256,425 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
17. Delta-Mendota Canal (Pilot Canal Intake) located at North 2,121,619 feet and East 6,256,083 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 1 South, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
18. State Water Project Banks Pumping Plant located at North 2,115,990 feet and East 6,237,838 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
19. Central Valley Project Jones Pumping Plant located at North 2,114,400 feet and East 6,248,073 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
20. Delta-Mendota Canal (Lined Canal) located at North 2,109,504 feet and East 6,246,391 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

21. Los Vaqueros Dam located at North 2,129,590 feet and East 6,207,073 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 2 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
22. Arroyo del Valle Diversion Structure located at North 2,060,458 feet and East 6,187,996 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, Township 3 South, Range 2 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
23. Del Valle Dam located at North 2,048,842 feet and East 6,200,731 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 2 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
24. Eastside Bypass at East Bear Creek located at North 1,914,452 feet and East 6,480,299 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 8 South, Range 11 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
25. Intake at Mariposa Bypass Control Structure located at North 1,895,936 feet and East 6,505,198 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 12 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
26. Eastside Bypass at Lone Tree Unit located at North 1,883,703 feet and East 6,523,784 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 12 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
27. Sand Slough Control Structure located at North 1,863,358 feet and East 6,535,858 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
28. San Luis Forebay Dam located at North 1,857,203 feet and East 6,402,469 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 10 South, Range 8 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
29. San Luis Dam located at North 1,844,598 feet and East 6,394,093 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 8 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
30. Temple Slough (Arroyo Canal) Intake located at North 1,816,307 feet and East 6,561,446 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 4, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

31. Mendota Pool Dam located at North 1,745,375 feet and East 6,598,943 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
32. Helm Ditch located at North 1,745,022 feet and East 6,589,787 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
33. Main Canal located at North 1,744,396 feet and East 6,598,937 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
34. Firebaugh Water District Canal located at North 1,741,821, feet and East 6,599,844 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
35. Outside Canal located at North 1,741,896 feet and East 6,599,689 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
36. Columbia Canal located at North 1,746,420 feet and East 6,605,595 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 3, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
37. Mowry Inlet located at North 2,171,207 feet and East 6,167,526 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 4, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
38. Kern River Canal Headworks located at North 2,320,300 feet and East 6,236,461 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 29 South, Range 27 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
39. Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Kern River Headworks located at North 2,317,022 feet and East 6,224,713 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
40. Kern River Pioneer Inlet to Cross Valley Canal located at North 2,316,855 feet and East 6,224,653 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

41. Berrenda Mesa Headworks – Kern River) located at North 2,316,823 feet and East 6,224,709 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
42. City of Bakersfield – 2800 Acres Basin 8 Turnout located at North 2,314,255 feet and East 6,213,406 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
43. City of Bakersfield – 2800 Acres Basin 9 Turnout located at North 2,311,578 feet and East 6,208,788 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
44. City of Bakersfield – 2800 Acres Basin 10 Turnout located at North 2,310,759 feet and East 6,207,771 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
45. City of Bakersfield – 2800 Acres Basin 11 Turnout located at North 2,310,138 feet and East 6,207,883 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
46. City of Bakersfield – 2800 Acres Basin 2 Turnout located at North 2,309,264 feet and East 6,208,729 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
47. City of Bakersfield – 2800 Acres Basin 1 Turnout located at North 2,309,422 feet and East 6,210,652 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 10, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
48. Kern Water Bank Headworks – Kern River located at North 2,300,049 feet and East 6,189,544 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
49. Terminus – Kern River located at North 2,299,728 feet and East 6,189,866 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
50. Main Canal Intake – Kern River located at North 2,298,695 feet and East 6,185,781 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 23, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian

51. B1 Intake – Kern River located at North 2,298,924 feet and East 6,184,174 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 23, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
52. L1 Intake – Kern River located at North 2,298,274 feet and East 6,184,781 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 23, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian
53. Pyramid Dam located at North 2,057,610 feet and East 6,331,915 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 6 North, Range 18 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian
54. Castaic Dam located at North 2,012,136 feet and East 6,379,087 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 5 North, Range 16 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian
55. Cedar Springs Dam located at North 1,933,945 feet and East 6,768,922 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 5, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian
56. Perris Dam located at North 2,255,077 feet and East 6,275,414 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 6, North American Datum 1983, within the North half of the Southeast quarter of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 3 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian