



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

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

RIGHT TO DIVERT AND USE WATER

APPLICATION 31996

PERMIT XXXXX

Right Holder: Kaweah River Power Authority
 2975 North Farmersville Boulevard
 Farmersville, CA 93223

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) authorizes the diversion and use of water by the right holder in accordance with the limitations and conditions herein **SUBJECT TO PRIOR RIGHTS**. The priority of this right dates from **December 28, 2012**. This right is issued in accordance with the State Water Board delegation of authority to the Deputy Director for Water Rights (Resolution 2012-0029) and the Deputy Director for Water Rights redelegation of authority dated July 6, 2012.

The Deputy Director for Water Rights finds that the State Water Board and/or the Applicant have met the following requirements for permit issuance: (a) demonstrated the availability of unappropriated water; (b) resolved protests in compliance with Water Code section 1330 et seq. and included appropriate permit conditions; (c) demonstrated that the water will be diverted and used without injury to any lawful user of water; (d) demonstrated that the intended use is beneficial; and (e) demonstrated that the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) have been met or that the project is exempt from CEQA.

The State Water Board has complied with its independent obligation to consider the effect of the proposed project 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].)

Right holder is hereby granted a right to divert and use water as follows:

1. Source of water: **(1) Kaweah River**
 tributary to: **(2) Tulare Lake**
 within the County of **Tulare**

2. Location of point of diversion

By California Coordinate System of 1983 in Zone 4	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section (Projected)	Township	Range	Base and Meridian
Lake Kaweah North 2,035,496 feet and East 6,560,678 feet	NE ¼ of SW ¼	25	17S	27E	MD

3. Purpose of use	4. Place of use					
	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section (Projected)*	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres
Power	SW ¼ of SW ¼	25	17S	27E	MD	

The place of use is shown on map dated December 2012 filed with the State Water Board.

5. The water appropriated under this right shall be limited to the quantity which can be beneficially used and shall not exceed **1,000 cubic feet per second** by direct diversion to be diverted from January 1 to December 31 of each year. The maximum amount diverted under this right shall not exceed **500,000 acre-feet per year**. (000005A)
6. Construction work and complete application of the water to the authorized use shall be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and completed by December 31, 2030. (0000009)
7. If it is determined that the as-built conditions of the project are not correctly represented by the map(s) prepared to accompany the application, right holder shall, at their expense have the subject map(s) updated or replaced with equivalent as-built map(s). Said revision(s) or new map(s) shall be prepared by a civil engineer or land surveyor registered or licensed in the State of California and shall meet the requirements prescribed in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 715 et seq. Said revision(s) or map(s) shall be furnished upon request of the Deputy Director for Water Rights. (0000030)
8. Permittee shall, prior to construction, file a Report of Waste Discharge pursuant to Water Code section 13260 with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board), and shall comply with all Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Regional Board. If the Regional Board waives issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements, permittee shall comply with Parts I and II of the "Guidelines for Protection of Water Quality during Construction and Operation of Small Hydro Projects" (Guidelines) as contained in the Water Quality Control Plans of the Central Valley Basin.

Specific requirements set forth in this permit shall prevail over any specific or general requirements in the referenced Guidelines in the event of conflict.

When complying with the Guidelines, pursuant to this condition, permittee shall not commence construction until the Erosion Control Plan and any baseline data required by the Guidelines have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Regional Board; and before commencing sluicing operations, permittee shall submit and receive written approval from the Regional Board of the Sluicing Operation Plan. (0000102)
9. No water shall be diverted under this right, and no construction related to such diversion shall commence, unless right holder complies with the requirements of the Clean Water Act. In order to demonstrate such compliance, right holder shall obtain a Clean Water Act section 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or evidence that such a permit is not required, and provide such permit or evidence to the Division of Water Rights. If it is determined that a Clean Water Act section 404 permit is required, right

holder shall further demonstrate compliance by obtaining a Clean Water Act section 401 certification from the State Water Board.

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10. Water diverted under this permit is for nonconsumptive use and is to be released to the Kaweah River within the SW¼ of SW¼ of Section 25, T17S, R27E, MDB&M.

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11. No debris, soil, silt, cement that has not set, oil, or other such foreign substance will be allowed to enter into or be placed where it may be washed by rainfall runoff into the waters of the State. When operations are completed, any excess materials or debris shall be removed from the work area.

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12. All rights and privileges to appropriate water for power purposes under this permit and any subsequently issued license are subject to depletions resulting from future upstream appropriation for domestic and stockwatering uses within the watershed. Such rights and privileges under this permit may also be subject to future upstream appropriations for uses within the watershed other than domestic and stockwatering if and to the extent that the Board determines, pursuant to Water Code sections 100 and 275, that the continued exercise of the appropriation for power purposes is unreasonable in light of such proposed uses. Any such determination shall be made only after notice to permittee or licensee of an application for any such future upstream appropriation and the opportunity to be heard; provided that a hearing, if requested, may be consolidated with the hearing on such applications.

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13. No water shall be directly diverted under this right unless right holder is monitoring and reporting said diversion of water. This monitoring shall be conducted using a device and methods satisfactory to the Deputy Director for Water Rights. The device shall be capable of monitoring the rate and quantity of water diverted, and shall be properly maintained.

Right holder shall provide the Division of Water Rights with evidence that the device has been installed with the first annual report submitted after device installation. Right holder shall provide the Division of Water Rights with evidence that substantiates that the device is functioning properly every five years after device installation as an enclosure to the current annual report or whenever requested by the Division of Water Rights.

Right holder shall maintain a record of all diversions under this right that includes the date, time, rate of diversion and the amount of water diverted. The records shall be submitted with the annual report or whenever requested by the Division of Water Rights.

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THIS RIGHT IS ALSO SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. Right holder is on notice that: (1) failure to timely commence or complete construction work or beneficial use of water with due diligence, (2) cessation or partial cessation of beneficial use of water, or (3) failure to observe any of the terms or conditions of this right, may be cause for the State Water Board to consider revocation (including partial revocation) of this right. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 850.) (0000016)
- B. Right holder is on notice that when the State Water Board determines that any person is violating, or threatening to violate, any term or condition of a right, the State Water Board may issue an order to that person to cease and desist from that violation. (Wat. Code, § 1831.) (0000017)
- C. Right holder is not authorized to make any modifications to the location of diversion facilities, place of use or purposes of use, or make other changes to the project that do not conform with the terms and conditions of this right, prior to submitting a change petition and obtaining approval of the State Water Board. (0000018)
- D. Once the time to develop beneficial use of water ends under this permit, right holder is not authorized to increase diversions prior to submitting a time extension petition and obtaining approval of the State Water Board. (0000019)
- E. Only the amount of water applied to beneficial use during the authorized diversion season, as determined by the State Water Board, shall be considered when issuing a license. (Wat. Code, § 1610.) (0000006)
- F. Right holder shall maintain records of the amount of water diverted and used under this right to enable the State Water Board to determine the amount of water that has been applied to beneficial use pursuant to Water Code section 1605. (0000015)
- G. Right holder shall promptly submit any reports, data, or other information that may reasonably be required by the State Water Board, including but not limited to documentation of water diversion and use under this right and documentation of compliance with the terms and conditions of this right. (0000010)
- H. No water shall be diverted under this right unless right holder is operating in accordance with a compliance plan, satisfactory to the Deputy Director for Water Rights. Said compliance plan shall specify how right holder will comply with the terms and conditions of this right. Right holder shall comply with all reporting requirements in accordance with the schedule contained in the compliance plan. (0000070)
- I. Right holder shall grant, or secure authorization through right holder's right of access to property owned by another party, the staff of the State Water Board, and any other authorized representatives of the State Water Board the following:
1. Entry upon property where water is being diverted, stored or used under a right issued by the State Water Board or where monitoring, samples and/or records must be collected under the conditions of this right;

2. Access to copy any records at reasonable times that are kept under the terms and conditions of a right or other order issued by State Water Board;
3. Access to inspect at reasonable times any project covered by a right issued by the State Water Board, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated by or required under this right; and,
4. Access to photograph, sample, measure, and monitor at reasonable times for the purpose of ensuring compliance with a right or other order issued by State Water Board, or as otherwise authorized by the Water Code.

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J. This right shall not be construed as conferring right of access to any lands or facilities not owned by right holder.

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K. All rights are issued subject to available flows. Inasmuch as the source contains treated wastewater, imported water from another stream system, or return flow from other projects, there is no guarantee that such supply will continue.

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L. This right does not authorize diversion of water dedicated by other right holders under a senior right for purposes of preserving or enhancing wetlands, habitat, fish and wildlife resources, or recreation in, or on, the water. (Wat. Code, § 1707.) The Division of Water Rights maintains information about these dedications. It is right holders' responsibility to be aware of any dedications that may preclude diversion under this right.

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M. No water shall be diverted or used under this right, and no construction related to such diversion shall commence, unless right holder has obtained and is in compliance with all necessary permits or other approvals required by other agencies. If an amended right is issued, no new facilities shall be utilized, nor shall the amount of water diverted or used increase beyond the maximum amount diverted or used during the previously authorized development schedule, unless right holder has obtained and is in compliance with all necessary requirements, including but not limited to the permits and approvals listed in this term.

Within 90 days of the issuance of this right or any subsequent amendment, right holder shall prepare and submit to the Division of Water Rights a list of, or provide information that shows proof of attempts to solicit information regarding the need for, permits or approvals that may be required for the project. At a minimum, right holder shall provide a list or other information pertaining to whether any of the following permits or approvals are required: (1) lake or streambed alteration agreement with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Fish & G. Code, § 1600 et seq.); (2) Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams approval (Wat. Code, § 6002); (3) Regional Water Quality Control Board Waste Discharge Requirements (Wat. Code, § 13260 et seq.); (4) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act section 404 permit (33 U.S.C. § 1344); and (5) local grading permits.

Right holder shall, within 30 days of issuance of any permits, approvals or waivers, transmit copies to the Division of Water Rights.

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N. Urban water suppliers must comply with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Wat. Code, § 10610 et seq.). An "urban water supplier" means a supplier, either publicly or privately owned, providing water

for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually.

Agricultural water users and suppliers must comply with the Agricultural Water Management Planning Act (Act) (Water Code, § 10800 et seq.). Agricultural water users applying for a permit from the State Water Board are required to develop and implement water conservation plans in accordance with the Act. An "agricultural water supplier" means a supplier, either publicly or privately owned, supplying more than 50,000 acre-feet of water annually for agricultural purposes. An agricultural water supplier includes a supplier or contractor for water, regardless of the basis of right, which distributes or sells for ultimate resale to customers.

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- O. Pursuant to Water Code sections 100 and 275 and the common law public trust doctrine except to the extent (if any) such authority is preempted by federal law, all rights and privileges under this right, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

Except to the extent (if any) such authority is preempted by federal law, the continuing authority of the State Water Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this right with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of right holder without unreasonable draft on the source. Right holder may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this right and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the State Water Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.

Except to the extent (if any) such authority is preempted by federal law, the continuing authority of the State Water Board also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by right holder in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the State Water Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution, article X, section 2; is consistent with the public interest; and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

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- P. Except to the extent (if any) such authority is preempted by federal law, the quantity of water diverted under this right is subject to modification by the State Water Board if, after notice to right holder and an opportunity for hearing, the State Water Board finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the State Water Board finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.

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Q. This right does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a candidate, threatened or endangered species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, § 2050 et seq.) except to the extent (if any) that the Act is preempted by federal law or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this right, right holder shall obtain any required authorization for an incidental take prior to construction or operation of the project. Right holder shall be responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act for the project authorized under this right.

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Section 1392. Every permittee, if he accepts a permit, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any permittee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

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