

2014/15 Division of Water Rights Drought Related Requests (updated 3/4/2016)

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TUCP = Temporary Urgency Change Petition

Right Holder	Application Number(s)	Watershed ¹ <small>¹ If in legal Delta, coordinate with Delta Watermaster</small>	Water Right Action	Authority	Summary of Request	Date Received	Date Noticed	Link to Notice	Comment Deadline	Comment Received	Date Order Issued	Link to Order
Pending Requests												
June Lake Public Utility District	A028609	Mono Lake	TUCP	WC 1435	ON HOLD PER RIGHT HOLDER REQUEST. On February 8, June Lake PUD requested for the Division to delay a decision on the petition until June 1, 2016. June Lake PUD requests a second renewal of a temporary urgency order to reduce the Fern Creek bypass flow from 200 gallons per minute (gpm) to 25 gpm. The District states it cannot meet its bypass flow requirements in dry years. Therefore, its cannot serve its Down-Canyon service area. A long term change petition is also being pursued, but they state they have immediate need for relief to serve its Down-Canyon service area.	11/4/2015	11/13/2015					
Walker River Irrigation District	A001389	Walker River	TUCP	WC 1435	ON HOLD PER RIGHT HOLDER REQUEST. On January 12, 2015, Walker River Irrigation District requested that the Division hold the TUCP and take no action at this time. The District's petition asked for a temporary change to relax the minimum release requirement from 20 cfs (or 30 cfs, depending upon temperature) to a consistent 10 cfs downstream of Bridgeport Reservoir. Petitioner states the change would assist in management of the remaining storage in Bridgeport Reservoir for the benefit of the fishery in Bridgeport Reservoir, and in the East Walker River downstream of Bridgeport Reservoir. Prior to noticing, petition form can be viewed here: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/petitions/	11/18/2014						
Action Taken												
Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Spring Gap-Stanislous Hydroelectric Project	Stanislous River	Variance to Water Quality Certification	Deputy Director Approval (Clean Water Act, Section 401)	The State Water Board received a request from Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a variance of minimum instream flows at Relief Reservoir for the remainder of December 2013 through March 2014. The minimum instream flows are required by the water quality certification issued by the State Water Board under Order WR 2009-0039 for the Spring Gap-Stanislous Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2130). PG&E requests the variance to prevent Relief Reservoir from dropping below its minimum pool requirement, assuming that there continues to be minimal precipitation in the watershed. State Water Board staff reviewed PG&E's request and found that the reduced minimum flows are reasonable given the lack of precipitation in the project area.	12/4/2013	-				12/16/2013	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/springgap_stanislous_ferc2130/rr_approval_itr_1_21613.pdf
Sonoma County Water Agency	A012919A	Russian River	TUCP	WC 1435	Request to change minimum instream flow requirements in Term 20 of its permit for releases from Lake Mendocino from January 1 through June 29, 2014. Due to low reservoir levels, SCWA filed the petition in order to prevent significant depletions of storage in Lake Mendocino and potential elimination of water supplies for spring, summer and fall of 2014. The Order allows reduced reservoir outflow conditions for dry and critically dry water supply conditions based on the storage level in Lake Mendocino rather than the cumulative Lake Pillsbury inflow, and therefore, only affects the Upper Russian River (from its confluence with the East Fork of the Russian River to its confluence with Dry Creek). The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Regional Water Quality Control Board support this change.	12/20/2013	1/3/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_rights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/a012919a_notice.pdf	2/3/2014	Yes	12/31/2013, order amended 3/7/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/scwa_amended_order.pdf
Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Spring Gap-Stanislous Hydroelectric Project	Stanislous River	Variance to Water Quality Certification	Deputy Director Approval (C.W.A. 401)	The State Water Board received a request from Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a variance of minimum instream flows and the minimum pool requirement at Relief Reservoir required by the water quality certification under Order WR 2009-0039 for the Spring Gap-Stanislous Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2130). PG&E's request a target instream flow release of 5 cfs and that the compliance point for flow be moved to gage S-2. Further, PG&E requests that the minimum pool be allowed to drop to 100 acre-feet to facilitate the continuation of flows at S-2. State Water Board staff reviewed PG&E's request and found that the reduced minimum flows and reduced minimum pool requirement is reasonable given the lack of precipitation in the project area.	1/9/2014	-				1/16/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/springgap_stanislous_ferc2130/rr_approval_itr_0_11614.pdf

Northern California Power Agency	Upper Utica Hydroelectric Project	North Fork Stanislaus River	Concurrence with Water Quality Certification	Clean Water Act, Section 401	(NCPA) to the United States Forest Service. The letter solicited comments and feedback from the USFS and other relevant regulatory agencies regarding the preferred method of managing the remaining stored water in Lake Alpine, Union Reservoir, and Utica Reservoir. NCPA states at the current release rate and assuming no additional contribution of rainfall or snowmelt, both Union and Utica reservoirs will have completely exhausted their reserves by approximately April 1, 2014. The minimum flow recommendation proposed by NCPA from Utica Reservoir is currently authorized by the Upper Utica Hydroelectric Project water quality certification for the protection of water quality and beneficial uses. The State Water Board therefore concurs with the proposed flow release of 3 cubic feet per second from Utica Reservoir.	1/10/2014	-	-	-	-	1/23/2014	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/upper_utica_ferc11563/au_response_letter_01232014.pdf
Department of Water Resources and Bureau of Reclamation	5630, 14443, 14445A, 17512, 17514A, 23, 234, 1465, 5638, 13370, 13371, 5628, 15374, 15375, 15376, 16767, 16768, 17374, 17376, 5626, 9363, 9364, 9366, 9367, 9368, 15764, 22316, 14858A, 14858B, and 19304	San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta	TUCP	WC 1435	The State Water Board received a request from the Department of Water Resources and Bureau of Reclamation (Petitioners) requesting temporary modification of their permit and license terms for the Central Valley Project and State Water Project in the San Francisco Bay-Delta as required pursuant to State Water Board Decision 1641. The petition requests the modification for the next 180 days, with a specific request for the month of February 2014, and for future changes to be determined through monitoring and management provisions as described in the Petition. Petitioners specifically request modification of February Delta outflow requirements and Delta Cross Channel gate operations.	1/29/2014	1/31/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/tucp.shtml	3/3/2014 (see link for additional noticing)	Yes	1/31/2014 (initial - see link for revisions)	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/tucp.shtml
City of Santa Cruz	A017913	San Lorenzo River	TUCP	WC 1435	The city owns and operates Loch Lomond reservoir. They currently are required to release 1 cfs into Newell Creek regardless of reservoir inflows. They have developed an agreement with CDFW, and would like to reduce releases to 0.2 cfs. They are committing to monitor the conditions downstream to ensure there is no dewatering or harm to fish.	1/31/2014	2/14/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/17913not.pdf	3/17/2014	No	2/14/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/17913order.pdf
Yuba County Water Agency	A005632	Yuba River	TUCP to add San Luis Reservoir as a Place of Storage	WC 1435	Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) petitioned to add San Luis Reservoir as a place of storage on the Yuba River Accord Transfer (long-term transfer). The change will enable San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and members to store Yuba Accord water in San Luis Reservoir from the current Central Valley Project (CVP) contract year into the next CVP contract year. This CVP contract year ends Feb. 28, 2014 and the next year begins on March 1, 2014. In Order WR 2008-0014, the State Water Board approved transfers of Yuba Accord water by approving, among other things, the addition of the CVP's service area to Permit 15026's place of use and the addition of the CVP and SWP south Delta pumping plants as points of diversion on Permit 15026. The maximum quantity of water that will be stored in San Luis Reservoir is 7,400 acre-feet.	1/23/2014	2/18/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/5632notice2013.pdf	3/19/2014	No	2/14/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/5632order.pdf
Yuba County Water Agency	A005632, A015204, A015574	Yuba River	TUCP to reduce minimum instream flows	WC 1435	Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) petitioned to reduce minimum instream flows required by Revised Decision 1644 and Corrected Order WR 2008-0014. YCWA anticipates that operations this year may be under the "Conference Year" conditions and seeks to reduce minimum instream flows required at the Smartsville Gage from 683 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 500 cfs for the February 1 through March 31, 2014 period. YCWA also seeks to increase the required minimum instream flow at the Smartsville Gage for the period from April 1 to April 30, 2014 from no requirement to 500 cfs and increase the required minimum instream flow at the Marysville Gage for February 1 through March 31, 2014 from 245 cfs to 350 cfs.	2/5/2014	2/20/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/a15204_notice.pdf	3/21/2014	No	2/19/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/a15204_order.pdf
City of Willits	A029205	Eel River	TUCP	WC 1435	The City of Willits owns and operates two reservoirs on Davis Creek that are covered by multiple water rights. The City petitioned to temporarily reduce the bypass flow required by their junior right to increase the amount of water they have in storage. After discussing the petition and their water rights with State Water Board staff, the City withdrew their petition on 2/24/2014. Based on recent rainfall, a project to tie-in their water system to two existing groundwater wells, and a better understanding of their water rights, the City determined the petition would not be necessary at this time.	2/18/2014	-	-	N/A, petition withdrawn 2/24/2014	-	-	-
Pacific Gas and Electric Company	DeSabra-Centerville Hydroelectric Project	Butte Creek & West Branch Feather River	Letter of Support	Clean Water Act, Section 401	PG&E submitted a request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a long-term variance from the conditions in PG&E's DeSabra-Centerville Hydroelectric Project license. This long-term variance is an extension of the short-term variance granted by FERC, and agreed to by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on February 12, 2014. The variance reduced flows in Philbrook Creek from 2 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 0.8 cfs, with a 0.2 cfs buffer, for a total flow of 1 cfs through June 1, 2014, or until determined no longer necessary by the Resource Group. State Water Board staff supports PG&E's long-term instream flow variance request. This long-term variance will ultimately ensure the protection of the beneficial uses of both the West Branch Feather River and Butte Creek.	3/4/2014	-	-	-	-	3/6/2014	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/desabra/desabra_var_request_resp030614.pdf

Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Phoenix Project	Stanislaus River	Letter of Support	Clean Water Act Section 401	On March 13, 2014, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for an extension of the instream flow temporary variance for the Phoenix Project until June 15, 2014. The original temporary variance reduced the minimum instream flow below Lyons Reservoir from 5 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 1 cfs and expired on March 15, 2014. Water stored in Lyons Reservoir provides Tuolumne Utilities District with 95 percent of its water supply and provides continuous flow to the South Fork Stanislaus River. Therefore, PG&E has requested the variance in order to protect environmental resources and public consumption. State Water Board staff supports the flow variance extension (see letter).	3/13/2014					3/14/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/phoenix_ferc1061/lyons_variance_request.pdf
Yuba County Water Agency	A005632	Yuba River	Change Petition to add Freeport Regional Water Project as Point of Rediversion	WC 1700	Project's diversion on the Sacramento River as a point of rediversion on the Yuba River Accord Transfer Water (long-term transfer). The proposed change would enable YCWA to deliver to East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) water made available under the Yuba River Accord. EBMUD is within the current place of use of transfer water. EBMUD would be a back-up buyer. The proposed rediversion of Yuba Accord water will not involve any changes to YCWA's operations under the Yuba Accord streamflow schedules.	8/28/2013					3/18/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/a05632_order_freepor.pdf
Rancho Murieta Community Services District	A023416	Cosumnes River	TUCP to reduce bypass flow	WC 1435	Rancho Murieta CSD requests to reduce the bypass flow to enable it to store more water in its reservoirs. The Cosumnes River does not have downstream hydraulic continuity to the Sacramento River system. They also requested to extend the diversion season. Division staff advised them that the season cannot be extended. RMWD withdrew their petition on March 27, due to improving water conditions in their reservoirs.	2/13/2014						N/A, petition withdrawn 3/27/2014
Merced Irrigation District	A016186, A016187	Merced River	TUCP/Temp Transfer	WC 1435/WC1707	Merced Irrigation District requests to transfer water based on reducing the required minimum storage pool in Lake McClure (New Exchequer Dam) by 30,000 af, and use 5,000 af of that water for an April pulse flow in the Merced River. The remaining 25,000 af would be put to irrigation use. The pulse flow would assist in salmon out-migration. The water would be sold at the Delta pumps to San Luis Water District and/or Santa Clara Valley Water District.	3/20/2014 & 4/8/2014	4/24/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/16186_notice.pdf	5/26/2014, revised to 6/3/2014		4/22/2014, Revised 5/22/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/mid_tem_order_mod052214.pdf
Malacha Hydro Limited Partnership	28465	Pit River	TUCP	WC 1435	Malacha Hydro Limited Partnership submitted a TUCP requesting change to a permit term to relax minimum bypass flow requirement from 50 cfs to 25 cfs and to authorize temporary storage within Malacha's existing Collett Reservoir. The purpose of these proposed temporary changes are to provide for the diversion of surface water from the Pit River when flows are over 25 cfs at Malacha's existing point of diversion and to provide for temporary storage of diversions held in Collett Reservoir in order to preserve water for later release into the Pit River through Malacha's existing hydroelectric facility.	4/3/2014	4/29/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/a028465_malacha_notice.pdf	5/29/2014		4/24/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/a028465_5.pdf
Pacific Gas and Electric Company, & Tri-Dam Project	Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project, & Beardsley/Donnell's Hydroelectric Project	Stanislaus River	Amendment to Water Quality Certification	Clean Water Act Section 401	PG&E and the Tri-Dam Project have jointly requested a variance from providing recreational boating flows and supplemental spring flows in the Middle Fork Stanislaus River (MFSR) as required under the water quality certifications issued by the State Water Board for the Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project and Beardsley/Donnell's Project, respectively. Both Projects are required to provide a supplemental spring flow and recreational boating flows in the MFSR. PG&E and Tri-Dam Project have requested to forego the supplemental spring flow condition in 2014 because of the magnitude and volume of water that would be required. Additionally, PG&E's biologists have expressed concerns that the current dry conditions and warm water temperatures in the MFSR have allowed the Foothill Yellow-legged Frog to begin breeding in the reaches where the supplemental flows would occur. The Tri-Dam Project has also conveyed the minimum recreational boating flows cannot be achieved based on Beardsley Reservoir's stored water and associated reservoir elevation.	4/3/2014	4/4/2014	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/sand_bar_sg_sandbar_notice.pdf	4/24/2014	Yes	5/1/2014	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/springgap_stanislaus_ferc2130/sup_flow_response_approval.pdf
Montague Water Conservation District	A003544	Shasta River	TUCP, Water Quality Certification	WC 1435, WC 1707 and Clean Water Act section 401	Montague Water Conservation District is requesting a temporary change to assist the City of Montague, that is at risk of running out of water supply. They request to construct a point of diversion, and make the following temporary changes to their water right: add a temporary point of re-diversion on the Shasta River, add the City of Montague and a portion of the Shasta River to the place of use, and add municipal and fish and wildlife instream use.	5/16/2014	5/30/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/a003544/3544not.pdf	6/30/2014	Yes	6/3/2014, Revised Order issued 7/24/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/3544ord_gramend.pdf
EI Dorado Irrigation District	None	Deer Creek	TUCP to reduce release flow	WC 1435 and WC 1211	EID has an existing wastewater change order (Order 95-9). The TUCP request seeks to discontinue treated wastewater discharge to Deer Creek required by Order 95-9. The order approved re-use of treated wastewater, but required that some flow remain instream for maintenance of the riparian corridor. Due to drought conditions, EID would like to use the entire production from its treatment facility. EID has declared a Stage 2 Drought Emergency, and requested its customers to reduce their water consumption by 30%. The current discharge to Deer Creek (the discharge criteria varies from 0.5 to 1.0 mgd depending on daily influent flows to the treatment plant) is 0.7 mgd. Deer Creek is an ephemeral stream that connects to the Cosumnes River. During the summer months, the stream typically goes dry below the effluent discharge.	Fees paid: 3/27/2014 (Submitted: 3/10/2014)	6/6/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/ww0020/ww0020notice.pdf	7/7/2014	Yes	6/5/2014, Revised 8/1/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/ww0020_tucp_orderamend.pdf

Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Spring Gap-Stanislus Hydroelectric Project	Stanislus River	Temporary Variance to Water Quality Certification	Deputy Director Approval (C.W.A. 401)	The State Water Board received a request from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for a temporary variance of the Labor Day minimum water surface elevation for Pinecrest Lake required by the water quality certification under Order WR 2009-0039 for the Spring Gap-Stanislus Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2130). PG&E requests that the minimum water surface elevation requirement for Pinecrest Lake be lowered to 5,606 feet until after Labor Day due to drought conditions. PG&E's request is on behalf of Tuolumne Utility District (TUD) to ensure TUD's consumptive water supply until after Labor Day. State Water Board staff reviewed PG&E's request and found that reducing the Labor Day minimum water surface elevation requirement for Pinecrest Lake is reasonable given the current drought conditions.	7/10/2014	-	-	-	7/10/2014	
City of Thousand Oaks	A029408	Calleguas Creek	TUCP	WC 1435	The City of Thousand Oaks requests a temporary reduction of a bypass flow. The stated purpose is to allow local water districts to supply more surface water for irrigation and reduce irrigation demand on groundwater, which will provide more groundwater for local municipal purposes and in turn reduce the need for SWP water. The City submitted a request to renew the TUCP and the Order approving was issued on 2/13/15. All compliance elements were satisfied and no further requests to renew the order have been received as of 9/10/15.	5/8/2014	7/24/2014		8/25/2014	7/21/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/29408order.pdf
Rentier, Inc. -- Salmon Lake Lodge	T32258	Salmon Creek	Temporary Permit	WC 1425	Denied due to curtailment of watershed. Salmon Lake Lodge in Sierra County requested a temporary permit to ensure that it has an adequate water supply due to current drought conditions. The party has an existing water right on a nearby, unnamed stream that drains to Upper Salmon Lake thence Salmon Creek thence the North Yuba River. They use this right to supply staff housing and 14 guest cabins. They've noticed that creek flows are down this year, and anticipate that their existing water right will not be adequate during the drought.	Fees paid 4/14/2014 (submitted 3/14/2014)	-	-	-	Denial: 7/25/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/1032258_order_denial.pdf
Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District	30049A and 30049B	Putah Creek	TUCP	WC 1435	Denied due to curtailment of water rights. Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District requested relief from supplemental discharge term within its license and permit. The term requires pumping of groundwater from the District's municipal water supply wells to augment low flows in Putah Creek from July 15 through October 31. The drought has reduced the District's groundwater supply. Also, pumping in compliance with terms may lead to a potential water quality impact to District's supply (hexavalent chromium).	4/1/2014	-	-	-	Denial: 7/25/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/30049a_tu_denial.pdf
City of Santa Cruz	A017913	San Lorenzo River	Renewal of 2/14/2014 TUCP	WC 1435	The City of Santa Cruz is requesting renewal of their February 2014 TUCP. The City owns and operates Loch Lomond reservoir. On 2/14/2014 the State Water Board issued a TUCP allowed reduction of the 1 cfs release requirement of the City of Santa Cruz A017913 water right. The TUCP allowed release of 0.2 cfs into Newell Creek. Under the TUCP, the City monitored conditions downstream to ensure there was no dewatering or harm to fish.	Renewal: 7/25/2014	8/14/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/17913notrenew.pdf	9/15/2014	Original: 2/14/2014 Renewal: 8/13/14	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/17913orderrenew.pdf
Cambria Community Services District	A028158	Santa Rosa Creek	TUCP	WC 1435	Cambria Community Service District (CCSD) requests to temporarily modify term 10(d) from its current 3 feet minimum to 2-feet monitoring well minimum elevation above sea level. CCSD is completing several emergency water supply projects. Work on rehabilitating their existing Santa Rosa facilities will allow them to access deeper aquifer water in wells SR-1 and SR-3. The monitoring well elevation of well SR-4 was at 3.25 feet as of July 14, 2014. CCSD has water supply wells on both lower San Simeon Creek and Santa Rosa Creek aquifers, however CCSD expects to run a 67-day tracer study, as part of a completing a emergency brackish water treatment facility, on lower San Simeon Creek aquifer. During the tracer study, CCSD will be utilizing Santa Rosa aquifer wells for its supply.	7/25/2014	8/14/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/28158not.pdf	9/15/2014	8/21/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/28158order.pdf
June Lake Public Utility District	A028609	Mono Lake	TUCP	WC 1435	June Lake PUD requests to temporarily reduce the Fern Creek bypass flow from 200 gallons per minute (gpm) to 25 gpm. JLPUD cannot meet its bypass flow requirements in dry years. Therefore, it cannot serve its Down-Canyon service area. A long term change petition is also being pursued, but they have immediate need for relief.	5/20/2014	8/27/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/a028609notice.pdf	9/29/2014	8/25/2014	
Mendocino Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District	A012919B	Russian River	TUCP	WC 1435	Mendocino Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (District) requests to temporarily 1) expand the net place of use limitation and 2) incorporate demand management terms in permit 12947B. With respect to change 1, Permit 12947B includes a restriction on irrigated acres of 4,096 acres within a larger gross area. Every year the District has more customers requesting water for irrigation than allowed under its acreage restriction; however, in this drought situation the District has identified approximately 100 acres of agricultural land planted to vineyard that have been curtailed and have no other source of water. Without a source of supply the vines located on that acreage will die. The District has conserved 25% of its full supply under Permit 12947B and plans to use a portion of this conserved water to serve the additional acreage if the change is approved. With respect to change 2, the District has coordinated with Sonoma County Water Agency to identify four demand management terms to realize additional preservation of storage in Lake Mendocino. These terms include a) forecasting demands of the District's customers, b) 20% reductions in diversions under all bases of right for the District's customers, c) coordination on a long term drought contingency plan, and d) standard term U.	8/8/2014	8/26/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/12919b/12919b_2014notice.pdf	9/25/2014	8/25/2014	

Sonoma County Water Agency	A012919A, A015736, A015737, A019351	Russian River	TUCP	WC 1435	Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) requests a temporary reduction of the minimum instream flow requirements on the upper and lower Russian River. Per the State Water Board's Decision 1610, the Agency is required to maintain minimum instream flow requirements via releases from Lake Mendocino. Currently storage levels in Lake Mendocino are extremely low. If upcoming dry conditions persist into Water Year 2015, then carryover storage in Lake Mendocino will be crucial for the continued protection of the Russian River salmonid fishery and water supply reliability. The reductions in minimum flow requirements are requested to preserve the drought-limited water supply in Lake Mendocino and avoid excessively high releases from Lake Sonoma down Dry Creek that could result in violations to the Incidental Take Statement in the Biological Opinion. According to the Agency's model, roughly 4,000 acre-feet of stored water in Lake Mendocino could be saved through this change. To further preserve storage the Agency has coordinated with the Mendocino Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District to design demand management terms to temporarily add to Mendocino's permit.	8/14/2014	8/26/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_rights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2014/scwa2014/scwa2014_notice.pdf	9/25/2014		8/25/2014	
Merced Irrigation District	A001224, A010572, A016186	Merced River	TUCP/Temp Transfer	WC 1435/WC1707	MID withdrew their petitions on October 15, 2014. Merced Irrigation District had requested to temporarily reduce releases during October from 12,500 AF to a total of approximately 3,800 AF to be released in accordance with a request by the CDFW, 2) a temporary pulse flow release of up to 12,500 AF of surface water from New Exchequer Dam for instream dedication to provide a pulse flow for Chinook salmon migration during approximately November 2014, 3) add the State Water Project's (SWP) Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant and San Luis Reservoir as additional points of diversion for the purpose of diverting the pulse flow, and 4) add the service area of the SWP as an additional place of use. Transfer water will be used by Dudley Ridge Water District, which is in need of surface water supplies during the current drought conditions.	10/3/2014						
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)	Upper American River Hydroelectric Project	American River	Variance to Water Quality Certification	Deputy Director Approval (Clean Water Act, Section 401)	The State Water Board received a request from SMUD for a variance of minimum instream flows at Buck Island Reservoir due to the inability to store water because of drought conditions and water right curtailments. The minimum instream flows are required by the water quality certification issued by the State Water Board for the Upper American River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2101). SMUD requests the variance because Buck Island Reservoir is nearing its deadpool, assuming that there continues to be minimal precipitation in the watershed. State Water Board staff reviewed SMUD's request and found that the modification of minimum flows are reasonable given the lack of precipitation in the project area.	10/14/2014	-	-	-	-	10/20/2014	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/uppramnr/buck_island_var_response.pdf
Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project	Eel River & Russian River	Variance to FERC License	NA	PG&E submitted a request to FERC to reduce minimum instream flows to the East Branch of the Russian River in order to conduct needed repairs of its facilities. The proposed reduction in minimum instream flows would decrease the inflow of water to Lake Mendocino during the fall and winter of 2014/2015. To minimize impacts to downstream water users, State Water Board staff recommends that PG&E consult with agencies and interested stakeholders to develop a plan to provide compensatory water releases into the East Branch of the Russian River and Lake Mendocino. The volume and timing of compensatory water releases should be developed as part of the plan. State Water Board staff also recommends that PG&E should endeavor to complete construction as quickly as possible in order to return to the license required minimum stream flows.	9/19/2014	-	-	10/29/2014	-	-	
City of Thousand Oaks	A029408	Calleguas Creek	TUCP	WC 1435	The City of Thousand Oaks has petitioned for renewal of a TUCP Order by the State Water Board granting an earlier petition of the City of Thousand Oaks for a temporary reduction of a bypass flow. The stated purpose is to allow local water districts to supply more surface water for irrigation and reduce irrigation demand on groundwater, which will provide more groundwater for local municipal purposes and in turn reduce the need for SWP water.	1/9/2015	1/16/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_rights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2015/29408notrenew.pdf	2/17/2015		1/21/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/29408orderrenew.pdf
City of Santa Cruz	A017913	San Lorenzo River	TUCP	WC 1435	The City owns and operates Newell Creek Reservoir. They currently are required to release 1 cfs into Newell Creek regardless of reservoir inflows. They have developed an agreement with CDFW, and would like to reduce releases to 0.2 cfs. They are committing to monitor the conditions downstream to ensure there is no dewatering or harm to fish. The State Water Board approved an initial TUCP and a renewal of the TUCP, and the City is requesting a second renewal.	2/3/2015	2/9/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_rights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2015/17913secretrenewnot.pdf	3/11/2015	No	2/10/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/17913secretrenew.pdf

El Dorado Irrigation District	El Dorado Hydroelectric Project	South Fork American River	Amendment to Water Quality Certification	Clean Water Act Section 401	On March 12, 2015 the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) requested a temporary variance from minimum instream flows required under the water quality certification issued by the State Water Board for the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 184) (Project), in order to conserve and manage Project reservoir storage and maintain consumptive water supplies in response to extreme drought conditions in the Project area for 2016 in the event of continued drought conditions. The proposed streamflow variance request included reducing minimum instream flows in the South Fork American River below Kyburz, below Caples Lake main dam, below Echo Lake dam, below Silver Lake dam, and below Lake Aloha main dam, for varying periods between April 1 and August 31, 2015. Approval was granted upon compliance with conditions related to mandatory water conservation, aquatic resource monitoring, triggers for the resumption of normally scheduled flows, and a prohibition against the transfer of variance conserved water, and other conditions of approval.	3/12/2015	3/13/2015	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/eldorado_hydro_ferc184/eid_amend_notice.pdf	-	-	4/9/2015	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/eldorado_hydro_ferc184/eid_amend_notice.pdf	
Pacific Gas and Electric Company, & Tri-Dam Project	Spring Gap-Stanislus Hydroelectric Project, & Beardsley/Donnells Hydroelectric Project	Stanislus River	Amendment to Water Quality Certification	Clean Water Act Section 401	PG&E and the Tri-Dam Project have jointly requested a variance from providing recreational boating flows and supplemental spring flows in the Middle Fork Stanislaus River (MFSR) as required under the water quality certifications issued by the State Water Board for the Spring Gap-Stanislus Hydroelectric Project and Beardsley/Donnells Project, respectively. Both Projects are required to provide a supplemental spring flow and recreational boating flows in the MFSR. PG&E and Tri-Dam Project have requested to forego the supplemental spring flow condition in 2015 because of the magnitude and volume of water that would be required. Additionally, PG&E's biologists have expressed concerns that the current dry conditions and warm water temperatures in the MFSR have allowed the Foothill Yellow-legged Frog to begin breeding in the reaches where the supplemental flows would occur. The Tri-Dam Project has also conveyed the minimum recreational boating flows cannot be achieved based on Beardsley Reservoir's stored water and associated reservoir elevation.	2/25/2015	3/25/2015	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/ferc2005_2130/sg_tridam_notice.pdf	-	4/15/2015	Yes	4/27/2015	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/springgap_stanislus_ferc2130/sg_2015_variance.pdf
Department of Water Resources and Bureau of Reclamation	2015 Emergency Drought Barrier Project	West False River	Water Quality Certification	Clean Water Act Section 401	The Department of Water Resources submitted an application for a CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the 2015 Emergency Drought Barrier Project (Project). The Project proposes to install a single temporary rock barrier at West False River in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). The proposed barrier is intended to limit salinity intrusion in the Delta and maintain reservoir storage during drought conditions. The Project was included in the April 1, 2015 Governor's Drought Executive Order B-29-15 and the United States Army Corps of Engineers is considering issuing a CWA Section 404 Permit for the Project under federal emergency procedures.	4/17/2015	4/20/2015	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/2015_24_emergency_drought_barriers/db_wfr_15_notice.pdf	-	-	Yes	5/4/2015	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/2015_24_emergency_drought_barriers/db_wqc_050415.pdf
El Dorado Irrigation District	El Dorado Hydroelectric Project	South Fork American River	Amendment to Water Quality Certification	Clean Water Act Section 401	The El Dorado Irrigation District is requesting State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approval to supplement a temporary streamflow variance to conserve and manage the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 184 (Project), reservoir storage and maintain consumptive water supplies in response to extreme drought conditions in the Project area. This streamflow variance request is not intended to replace the existing streamflow variance request approved by the State Water Board on April 9, 2015. EID is requesting to retain authorization to implement the streamflow modifications approved on April 9, 2015 in order to be able to respond quickly in the event that hydrologic conditions continue to change and these modifications again become effective mechanisms to conserve water.	4/10/2015	4/15/2015	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/eid_variance_2_notice.pdf	-	-	-	5/4/2015	http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/docs/eldorado_hydro_ferc184/eid_sup_var.pdf
Sonoma County Water Agency	A01219A, A015736, A015737, A019341	Russian River	TUCP	WC 1435	On April 22, 2015 Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) requested a temporary reduction of the minimum instream flow requirements on the upper and lower Russian River. Per the State Water Board's Decision 1610, the Agency is required to maintain minimum instream flow requirements via releases from Lake Mendocino. Currently storage levels in Lake Mendocino are extremely low. The reductions in minimum flow requirements were requested to preserve the drought-limited water supply in Lake Mendocino and avoid excessively high releases from Lake Sonoma down Dry Creek that could result in violations to the Incidental Take Statement in the Biological Opinion. According to the Agency's model, roughly 6,300 acre-feet of stored water in Lake Mendocino could be saved through this change. Approval of the petition was requested to help conserve stored water in Lake Mendocino so that it can be released for listed Russian River salmonid fisheries present in the Russian River during the fall Chinook salmon migration season. In addition, approval was requested to help preserve storage as a precaution in case 2016 is also a dry water year. On May 1, 2015 the State Water Board approved the requested temporary reduction of the minimum instream flow requirements. On May 27, 2015, the Agency requested additional changes to the minimum instream flow requirements due to significant reductions in inflow from the Potter Valley Project resulting from a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission variance order. Specifically, the Agency requested the following changes: 1) additional reductions to minimum flows on the upper Russian River to prevent significant depletions of storage in Lake Mendocino and potential elimination of water supplies for 2015 and 2) additional reductions to the minimum flows on the lower Russian River to protect fishery resources in Dry Creek. The Agency estimates the requested change would preserve approximately 7,000 af of water storage in Lake Mendocino, resulting in almost 32,000 af of storage on October 1. The State Water Board subsequently amended the May 1, 2015 order approving the additional reductions in instream flow requirements.	4/22/2015	5/15/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_or ders/docs/scwa_2015order.pdf	-	6/15/2015	Yes	5/1/2015 Modified Order: 6/17/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_or ders/docs/scwa_2015order.pdf

Merced Irrigation District	A016186, A016187	Merced River	TUCP	WC 1435	Merced Irrigation District (MID) requests: (1) a relaxation of the minimum flow requirements during April and May at Shaffer Bridge reducing the obligation from 60 cfs to 40 cfs; (2) relief from providing a 12,500 AF pulse flow during October 2015. The pulse flow may be partially or fully implemented if hydrology within the Merced River allows; and (3) exception to the 115,000 AF minimum pool requirement at Lake McClure (New Exchequer Dam). The water level in Lake McClure is currently below the 115,000 AF minimum pool and MID wishes to continue serving water to Lake Don Pedro Community Services District for health and safety reasons.	4/22/2015	5/14/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2015/16186_notice.pdf	6/15/2015	No	5/12/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2015/mid2015tucp_order.pdf	
June Lake Public Utility District	A028609	Mono Lake	TUCP	WC 1435	On March 26, 2015, JLPUD requested that the renewal, if granted, not take effect until June 1, 2015. June Lake PUD has petitioned for renewal of a TUCP Order by the State Water Board granting an June Lake PUD an earlier petition to temporarily reduce the Fern Creek bypass flow from 200 gallons per minute (gpm) to 25 gpm. JLPUD cannot meet its bypass flow requirements in dry years. Therefore, it cannot serve its Down-Canyon service area.	1/12/2015	6/3/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2015/a28609_notice.pdf	7/3/2015		5/25/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2015/a28609_order.pdf	
City of Healdsburg	A017121 and A013217	Russian River	TUCP	WC 1435	The City of Healdsburg requests to temporarily add points of diversion on Dry Creek to two permits for diversion from the mainstem Russian River. The City is requesting approval by July 1st. The change is requested to provide Healdsburg with a safe and reliable supply of municipal and drinking water during the drought. According to Healdsburg, diversions under Permit 7847 (A013217) are limited by increased draw down and turbidity and the diverted water is not treated prior to delivery to customers. Water diverted under Permit 11039 (A017121) is treated but due to the configuration of the distribution system it is not possible for Healdsburg to supply all of its residents with water by diverting only from the well field authorized under Permit 11039. Healdsburg has contracted a back up supply through Sonoma County Water Agency. The contract expires on June 30, 2015, and Healdsburg's contract renewal is too costly. Prior to noticing, petition form can be viewed here: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/drought/petitions/	4/17/2015			N/A, petition withdrawn on 6/16/2015				
City of Woodland	None	Tule Canal	TUCP to reduce treated wastewater discharge	WC 1435 and WC 1211	The City of Woodland has requested to temporarily direct up to 125,000 gallons per day of its tertiary treated wastewater effluent from its water pollution control facility (WPCF) for use during construction of its new water treatment facility. The City currently discharges approximately four (4) million gallons per day (mgd) of treated wastewater effluent to the Tule Canal in the Yolo Bypass. The construction contractor of the new water treatment facility uses approximately 125,000 gallons per day for construction site dust control on City-owned property. The contractor's existing water supply will be exhausted by early June 2015 and they will need a new source of water for dust control. The City has proposed the use of treated wastewater for dust control in an effort to conserve use of its potable water pursuant to the State's mandated reductions for municipal potable water use.	5/26/2015			N/A, petition withdrawn on 7/15/2015 due to action on wastewater change petition WW0081.				
El Dorado Irrigation District	None	Deer Creek	TUCP to reduce release flow	WC 1435 and WC 1211	El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) is requesting a temporary change order for the discharge to Deer Creek. EID is seeking a minimum discharge rate of 0.32 mgd from May 15, 2015 to December 15, 2015. This petition seeks to reduce the minimum wastewater discharge into Deer Creek required by Order 95-9. That order requires EID to discharge a minimum of 0.5-1.0 mgd of treated wastewater into Deer Creek for the benefit of Deer Creek's riparian corridor. To meet this requirement, and the EIDs recycled water demand, EID supplements its recycled water supply with potable water. A previous TUCP was approved on 6/5/2014.	5/8/2015	7/16/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml	8/17/2015	Yes	7/15/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/ww20_tucp_order_2015.pdf	
City of Santa Cruz	A017913	San Lorenzo River	TUCP	WC 1435	The City owns and operates Newell Creek Reservoir. They currently are required to release 1 cfs into Newell Creek regardless of reservoir inflows. They have developed an agreement with CDFW, and would like to reduce releases to 0.2 cfs. They are committing to monitor the conditions downstream to ensure there is no dewatering or harm to fish. The State Water Board approved an initial TUCP and two renewals and the City is requesting a third renewal.	7/31/2015	8/5/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2015/17913_072015_tucp_notice.pdf	9/4/2015	Yes	8/10/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/17913thirdorderrenewal.pdf	
Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District	A031055	Russian River	TUCP	WC 1435/WC 1707	Camp Meeker holds a permit to directly divert from the Russian River. Urgency Change is for an instream flow dedication up to 30 acre-feet (af) of water at a maximum diversion rate of 0.2 cubic feet per second (cfs) for Fish and Wildlife Preservation and Enhancement for instream beneficial use in Dutch Bill Creek. Petitioner has indicated a target rate of 0.1 cfs. Support from CDFW and NMFS.	8/28/2015	9/9/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/2015/a031055_notice.pdf	10/9/2015	Yes	9/3/2015	http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterissues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_orders/docs/a031055_order.pdf	