



Submitting a Protest, Objection, or Comment for a Water Right Application or Petition with the Division of Water Rights

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) issues public notices of applications and petitions. For notices that indicate protests, objections, or comments may be submitted, this document will help you find where to begin the process in CalWATRS.

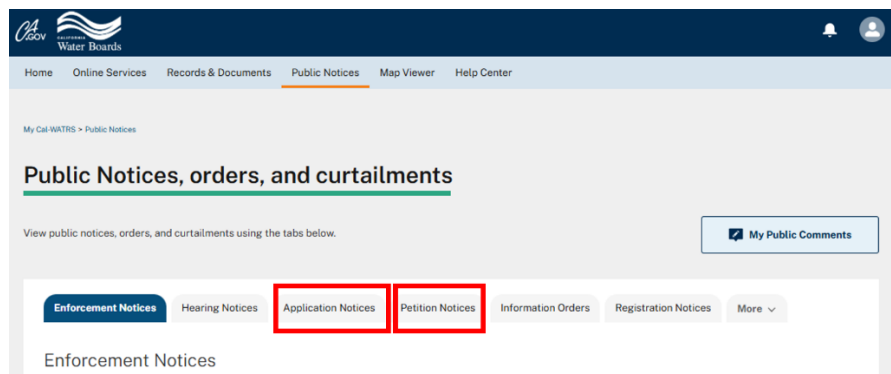
Accessing Notices for Applications and Petitions

While not required to file a protest, you may create a CalWATRS account using the help resources [here](#).

1. Use the following link to access the CalWATRS “Public Notices” page:

<https://calwatrs.waterboards.ca.gov/portal/s/public-notices-and-orders>.

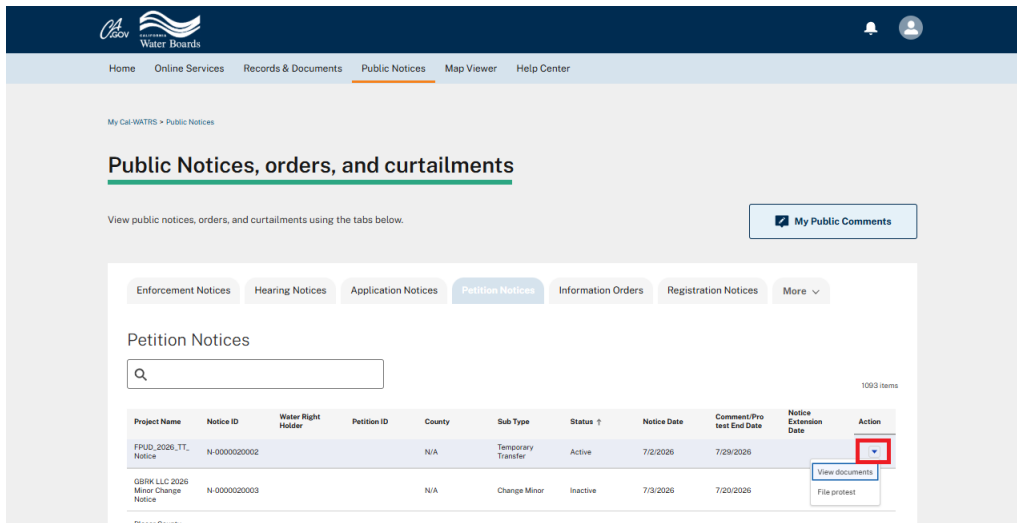
2. For Application Notices, click the “Application Notices” tab. For Petition Notices, click the “Petition Notices” tab



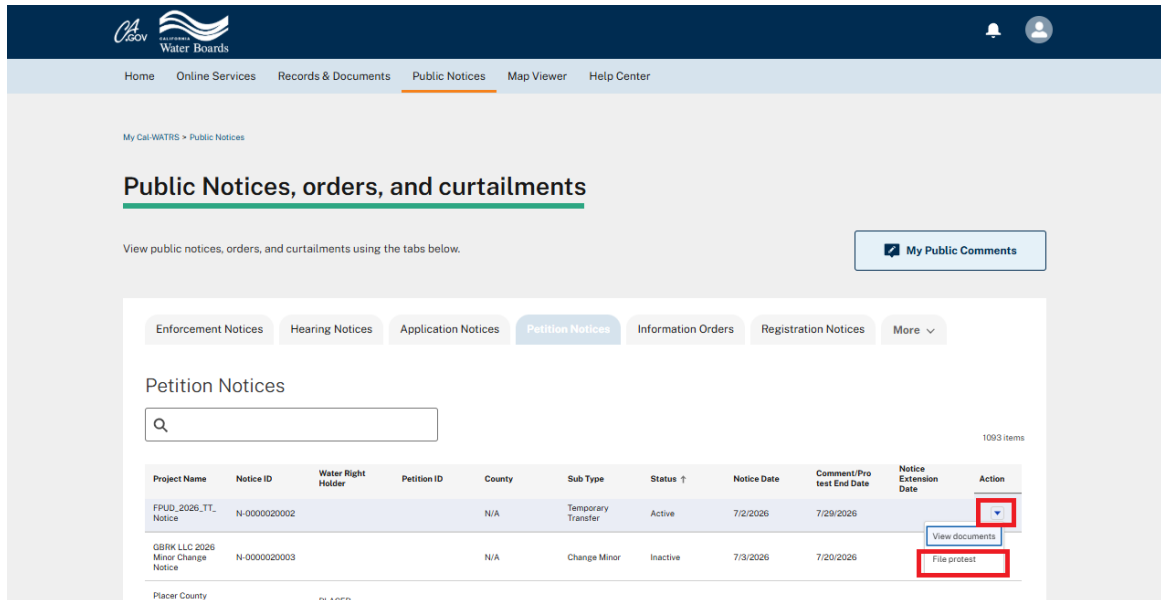
3. To both access the notice document and begin the process to file a protest, objection, or comment, click the dropdown arrow under the “Action” column on the right hand side. Note, you may need to zoom out or scroll to the right if unable to see the “Action” column.

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- a. To access the notice document, for reference purposes, select “View documents”.



4. To file a protest, objection, or comment, select “File protest” from the dropdown options.



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5. Click “Start” and advance through the pages.

Let's begin your protest!

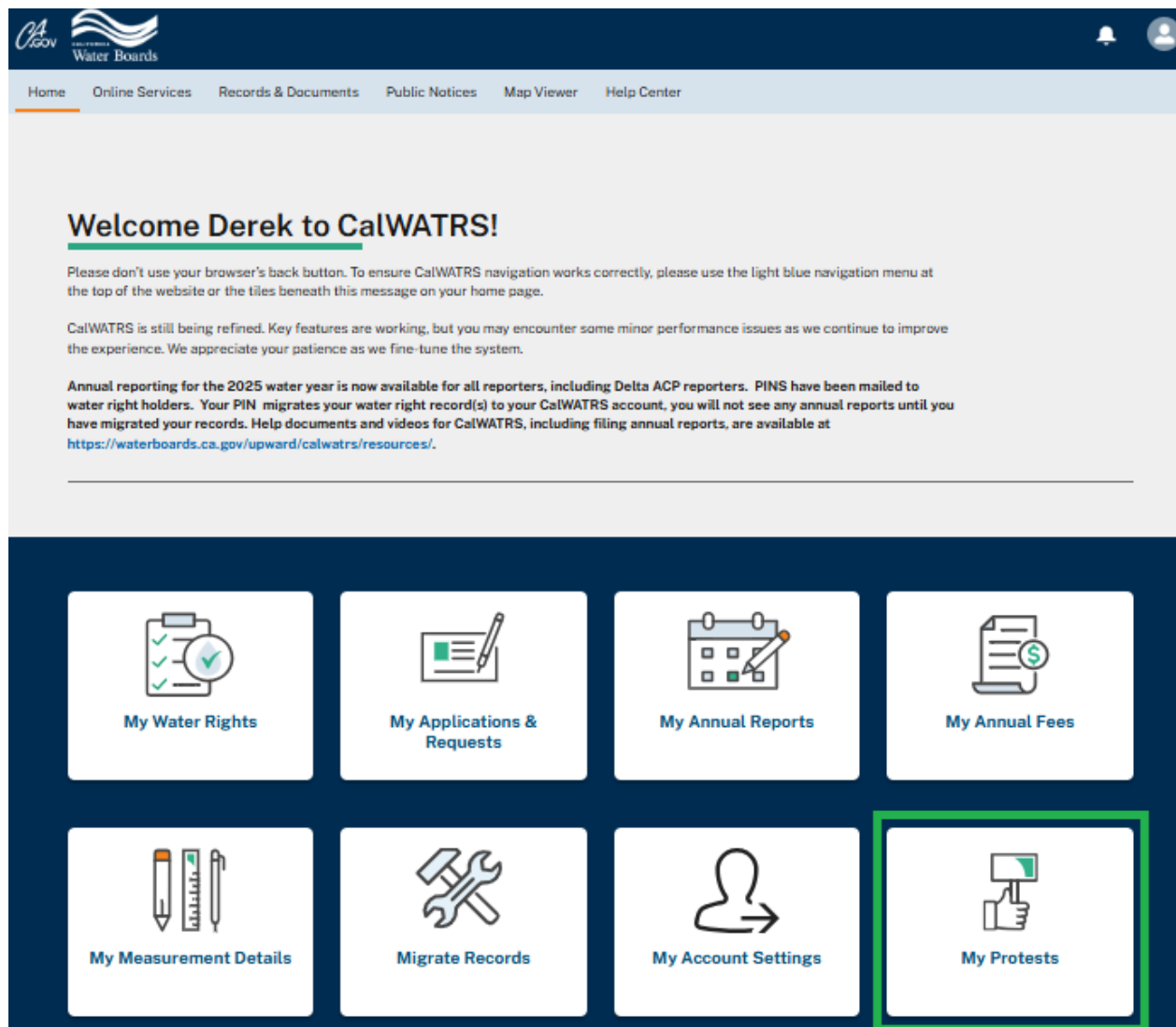
Please complete each section below to submit your protest.

- Protest information [Start](#)
- Parties to the protest [Start](#)
- Environmental details [Start](#)
- Injury details [Start](#)
- Conditions to dismissal [Start](#)
- Review and Submit [Start](#)

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6. Click “Next” and complete the remaining pages. Note, throughout the protest, you can save your progress and return later by clicking “Save and exit”.
7. Note, please follow all instructions in the notice, such as the method for submitting a copy of your protest, objection, or comment to the persons listed in the notice.
8. Upon protest submittal, you will receive an email confirmation. Your protest will be reviewed by State Water Board staff. Instructions to review your protest are provided in the submittal notification email.
9. Draft (i.e., in-progress) and submitted protests will appear on the “My Protests” page for the appropriate party with a connected CalWATRS account.

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The screenshot shows the CalWATRS user interface. At the top is a dark blue header with the California Water Boards logo on the left and a notification bell and user profile icon on the right. Below the header is a light blue navigation bar with links: Home, Online Services, Records & Documents, Public Notices, Map Viewer, and Help Center. The main content area has a light gray background and features a welcome message for 'Derek'. Below the message are eight white tiles with icons and labels, arranged in two rows. The 'My Protests' tile in the bottom right is highlighted with a green border.

Welcome Derek to CalWATRS!

Please don't use your browser's back button. To ensure CalWATRS navigation works correctly, please use the light blue navigation menu at the top of the website or the tiles beneath this message on your home page.

CalWATRS is still being refined. Key features are working, but you may encounter some minor performance issues as we continue to improve the experience. We appreciate your patience as we fine-tune the system.

Annual reporting for the 2025 water year is now available for all reporters, including Delta ACP reporters. PINS have been mailed to water right holders. Your PIN migrates your water right record(s) to your CalWATRS account, you will not see any annual reports until you have migrated your records. Help documents and videos for CalWATRS, including filing annual reports, are available at <https://waterboards.ca.gov/upward/calwatsr/resources/>.

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 My Measurement Details	 Migrate Records	 My Account Settings	 My Protests