



# **Filing Annual Reports for Appropriative Rights**

Annual reports must be filed each year through CalWATRS, and are due by January 31 of each year for the previous water year's (October through September) water diversion and use. Below you will find help on where to access annual reports in CalWATRS, and what information is requested on each page of the annual reports. Please be aware that there are multiple options on some pages, and for brevity every iteration of every page may not be shown below.

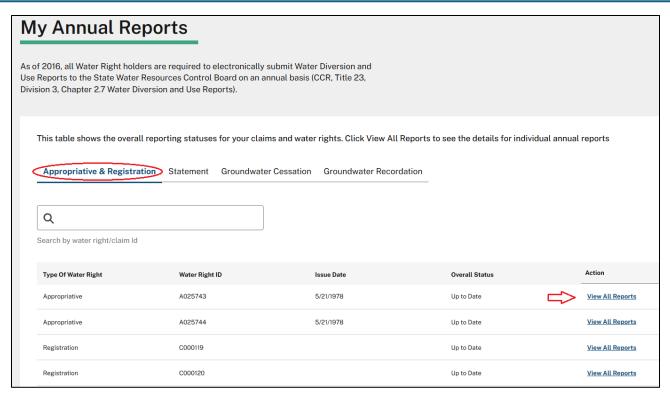
## **Accessing Your Annual Reports**

You will need to have created a CalWATRS account and migrated your records in order to access you your annual reports, if you have not created an account yet you can find help <a href="here">here</a>. After you log into CalWATRS you will see the "My Annual Reports" button as shown below.

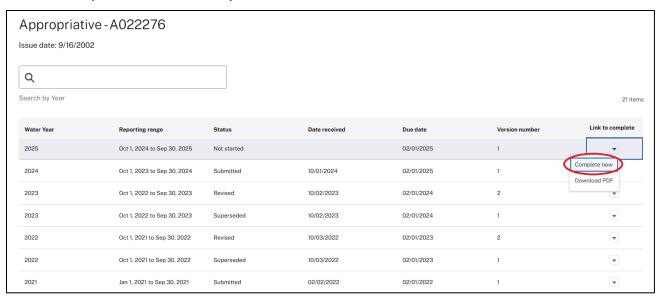


On the Annual Report page it should default to the "Appropriative & Registration" tab, but if you navigate away from this tab you can select it to return to your appropriative water rights. If there are multiple water rights in your account, you will see each one listed, select "view all records" for a given water right to see the reports by year for that water right. If you only have one water right, this page will automatically show the reports for that right by year.





The down arrow at the end of each row lets you take an action on any annual report record. To start a new annual report, click on the down arrow and select "complete now", if you are revising an annual report that has already been submitted, you would select "amend". At any time, including before the annual report has been completed and submitted, you can download a pdf of the annual report to review and share.

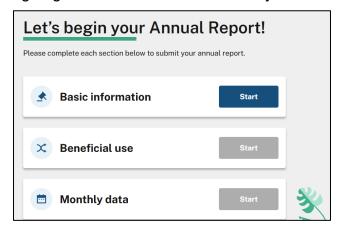




## **Filling Out Your Annual Report**

## **Starting the Report**

After you have selected "complete now" (or "amend"), you will be taken to the section page of your annual report. Select "Start" to begin your annual report. If you are returning to your annual report after partially completing it, you will see which sections have been completed here, and will be able to go right back to the section where you left off.



## **Navigating Around the Report**

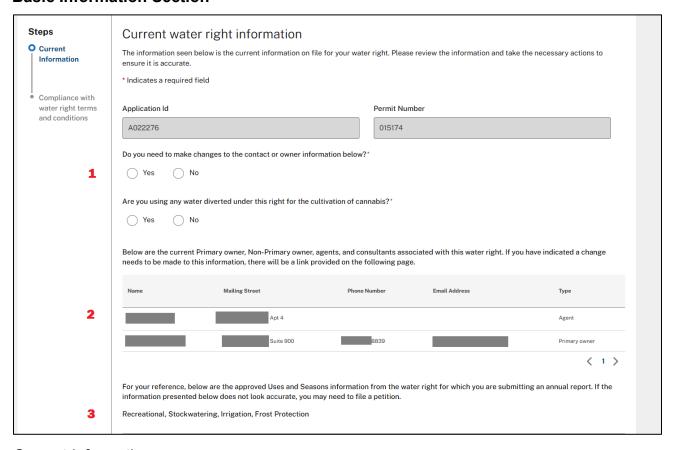
At the bottom of each page there are navigation options. If you have completed all information for a page, select the "Next" button to continue on to the next page of the annual report. If you want to return to the section page above at any time, select the "return to section" link and click "continue". Note that the annual report pages must be completed in the order the sections are listed, you cannot jump ahead to a sections you have not started, but you can go back to a section you have previously completed.

If you want to log out of the system and complete your annual report at another time, make sure to use the "Save and exit" link. This will save all pages that you completed and allow you to pick back up the annual report when you log back in again later. To access a report that is already in progress, navigate back to that annual report and again select "complete now"





#### **Basic Information Section**

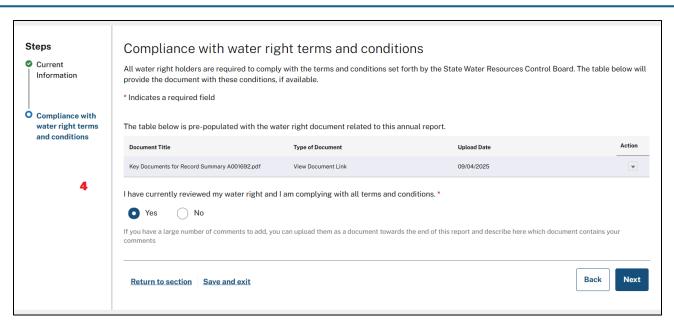


#### **Current Information**

- 1. Select if the contacts in the table below look accurate. Selecting "yes" does not allow you to change the information, but tells you where to file these changes. Additionally, select whether any water was diverted for cannabis cultivation.
- 2. This table is displayed for informational purposes. If changes need to be made, you can file a change of owner or address outside the annual report.
- 3. The beneficial purpose(s) of use related to your water right are listed here as an informational item.

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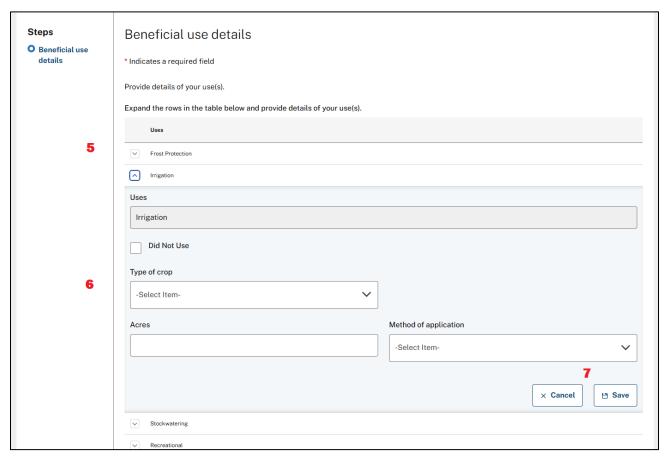


## Compliance with Terms and Conditions

4. Select whether you are in compliance with your water right. If you select "no" you will be provided with a comment box to explain why you are not. A copy of your water right is provided in the table above this question, select the down arrow under the word "action" to view or download this document.



#### **Beneficial Use Section**

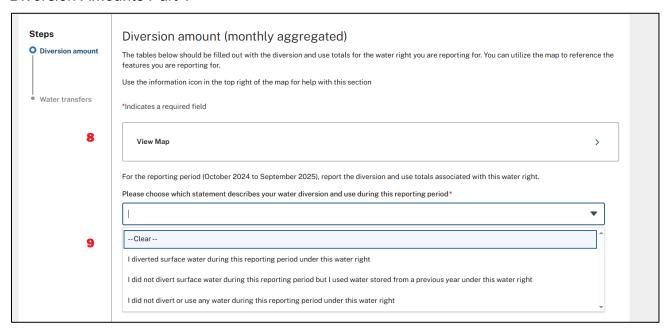


- 5. For each beneficial use associated with your water right there are associated questions. Select the down arrow to open these sections, the first section on the list should be open by default.
- 6. Within each section are specific questions about that beneficial use. Please enter information as it makes sense to your water right, but if a question does not make sense or is not relevant to your water right, just leave the field blank.
- 7. Within each section, make sure to select "Save" or your answers will not be recorded for that section.



## **Monthly Data**

### **Diversion Amounts Part 1**

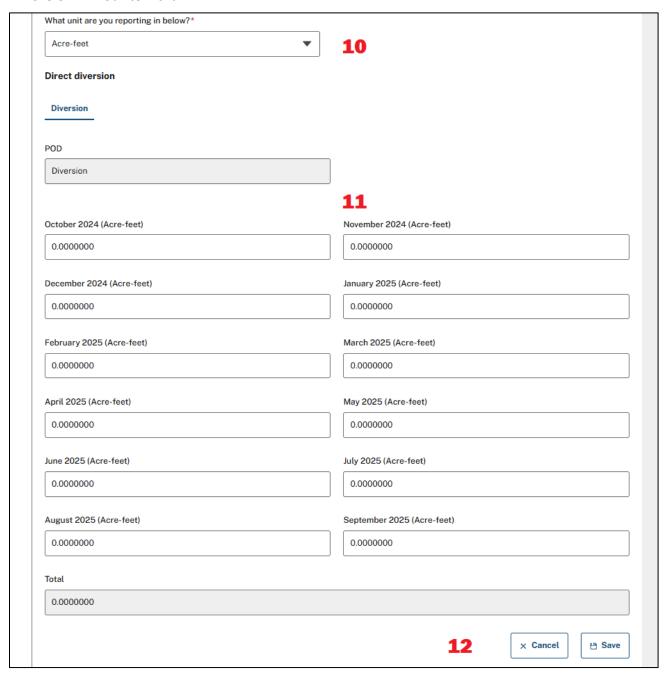


- 8. A map of your water right points of diversion is provided for informational purposes only. If you want to view this select the arrow at the end of this box.
- These questions unlock the monthly reporting sections below it based on the answer selected.
  - a. Selecting "I diverted surface water during this reporting period under this water right" unlocks all monthly value fields. This selection should apply to the majority of water right reporters that have non-zero values to enter for this annual report. "Diverting surface water" includes both water directly diverted and diverted to storage.
  - b. Selecting "I did not divert surface water during this reporting period but I used water stored from a previous year under this water right" locks all monthly reporting values as zero except for the "use" fields. This selection would only apply to water right holders with large reservoirs that can store water for use over multiple water years.
  - c. Selecting "I did not divert or use any water during this reporting period under this water right" make all reporting values zero and locks all monthly fields. Even if you did not divert any water you are required to file an annual report to keep your water right active, so selecting this option is the fastest way to report that no water was diverted or used during the reporting period.

If you select the last option, you can click next at the bottom of the page and skip to the *Water Transfers* section of this help.



#### Diversion Amounts Part 2

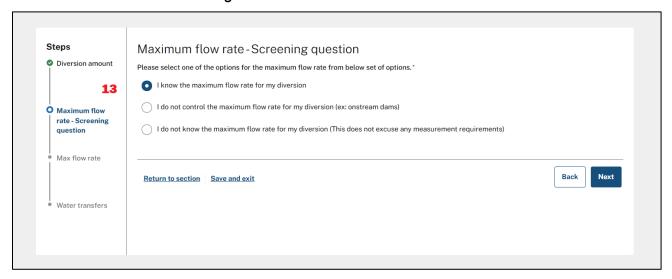


- 10. Select which volume units you are entering, you can choose either acre-feet or gallons.
- 11. Enter number values for each month that you directly diverted water. Zero is an acceptable value if you did not divert that month.
- 12. Make sure to select "Save" at the end of each diversion and use section, otherwise the values you enter will not be saved when you select "Next" at the bottom of the page.

Repeat the same process for the Diversion to Storage and Amount Used portions of this page.

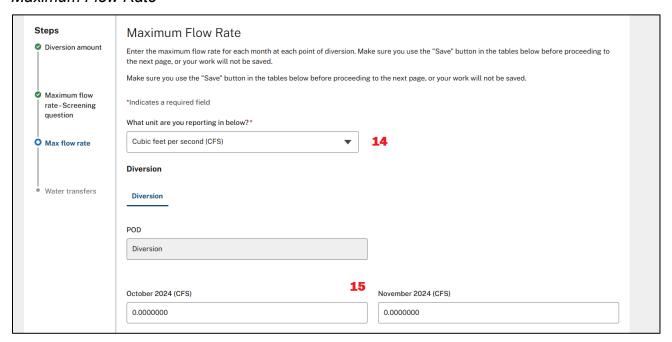


### Maximum Flow Rate Screening



13. Select the option that matches with your water right. If you select that you know your flow rate, the next screen will allow you to enter the maximum flow rate for your diversion for each month. The other two selections will skip you to the *Water Transfers* page when you select "Next".

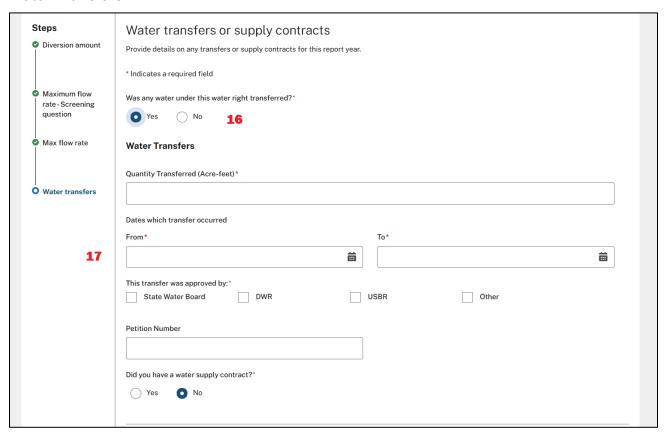
#### Maximum Flow Rate



- 14. Select what unit your maximum flow rate is being reported in.
- 15. Enter your maximum flow rate for each month. If you did not divert that month, zero is acceptable value. Similar to the *Diversion Amounts* section, make sure to select "save" before selecting "Next" or the values will not be captured.



### Water Transfers

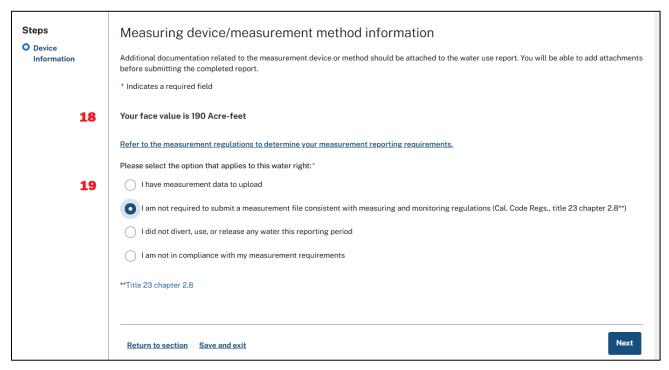


- 16. Both the water transfer and water supply questions open up additional questions for water right holders that are involved with transferred or contracted water. Selecting "No" hides these questions.
- 17. Most water right holders do not have information to report related to transfers and contracts. If these questions do not make sense to you, please select "No".



#### **Measurement Devices**

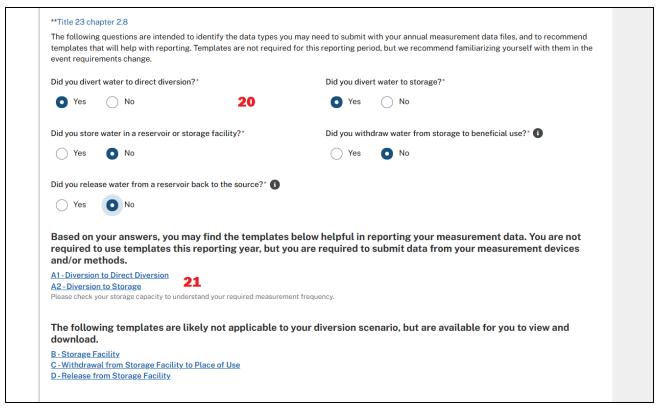
### Device Information Part 1



- 18. The face value (which is the total water allowed to be diverted under your water right) is displayed here for informational purposes as measurement requirements are often based on how much you are allowed to divert, not the amount you actually diverted this reporting period.
- 19. Measurement requirements are complicated, and a link to more information about these requirements is available above these questions. You can also reach out to <a href="mailto:dwr-measurement@waterboards.ca.gov">dwr-measurement@waterboards.ca.gov</a> if you have questions about measurement reporting requirements. Selecting the first option will open more measurement related questions, the other three options will allow you to go straight to the next section when you select "Next".



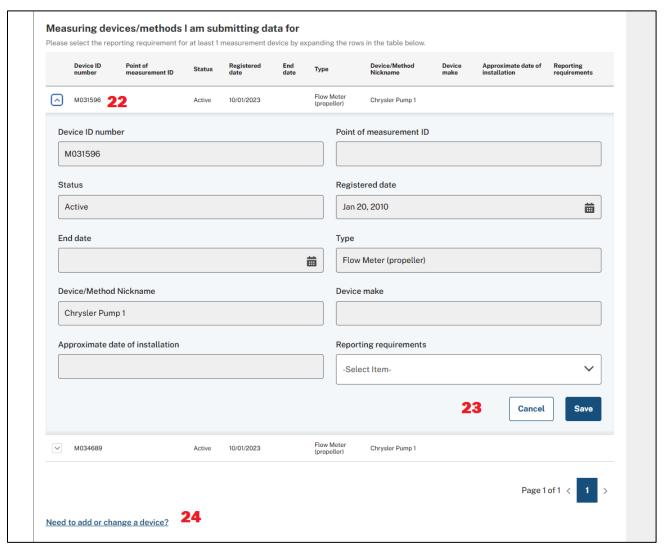
#### Device Information Part 2



- 20. You are required to answer these screening questions to allow the system to suggest data templates for your measurement data. Just answer the questions to the best of your ability, your answers will not require you to actually use any of the templates suggested.
- 21. Based on the answers to your screening questions, templates are made available for download, which can be used to provide your measurement data during the "upload data" step. These templates are not required, they are only suggestions. If you have questions about these templates or about reporting requirements, please send a message to <a href="mailto:dwr-measurement@waterboards.ca.gov">dwr-measurement@waterboards.ca.gov</a>.



#### Device Information Part 3



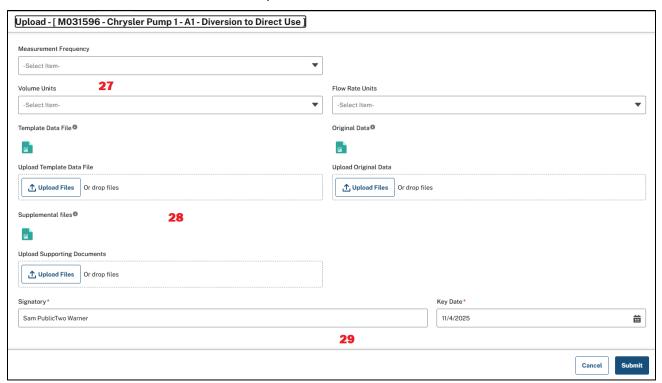
- 22. Similar to other screens, select the down arrow to open each section. These measurement devices were imported from your previous annual reports in our old system, if you do not see any devices here, or need to make changes to a device shown here, see step 24.
- 23. In the "Reporting requirements" dropdown, you are required to associate each device with a "type" of measurement matching the categories shown in *Device Information Part 2*. You can also select multiple types of measurements for each device, but you must select at least one to continue. Make sure to select "Save" in each section before you continue.
- 24. Measurement devices are maintained in CalWATRS outside the annual report, they are now their own records. If you need to modify or add a new measurement device, you can access them from the home screen and then the "Measurement Device" tile. It is suggested that you save and exit the annual report if you need to change your devices, the annual report will load them when you enter it again.



## Upload Data for Devices



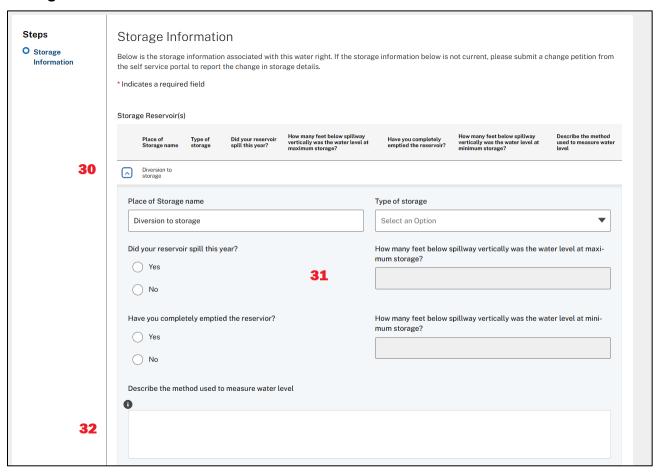
- 25. Select which device from the previous screen you are uploading data for using this dropdown.
- 26. After you have selected a device, you will see the "Upload new data files" button, select this to be taken to the upload screen.



- 27. Select the frequency and units that makes sense for your data.
- 28. You can upload measurement data to any of the locations that make sense for your information. One file can be uploaded to each box.
- 29. The person uploading this information will be automatically filled in here.



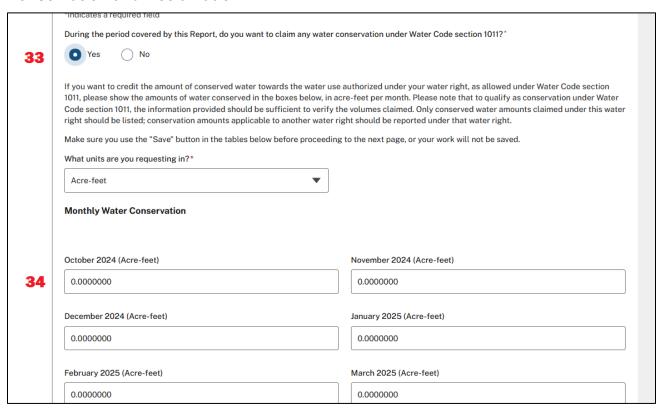
## Storage Information



- 30. Similar to other sections, select the dropdown to open up the questions.
- 31. If you have a storage reservoir, you can enter information about your reservoir here. Select the type of storage first as this will hide or show other related questions.
- 32. Along with describing your measurement method, you can also add other information in this box. For instance, it is a known issue that water rights with multiple reservoirs are only able to enter information for one reservoir here. For this year's annual reporting it is advised to describe any information about storage that was not able to be submitted on this page.

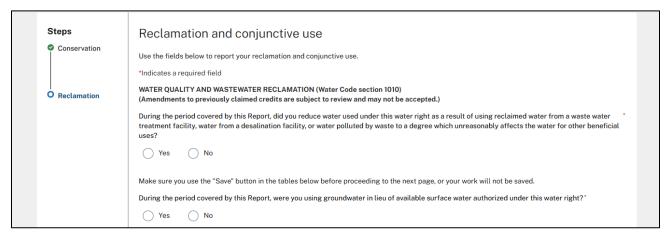


#### Conservation and Reclamation



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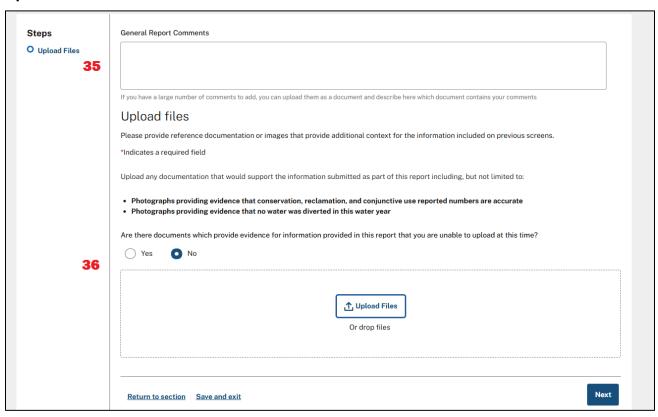
- 33. If you wish to report any water conserved, select yes and enter values for each month, along with answering any other required questions.
- 34. Make sure to click the "Save" button before you select next to save the values you enter here.



Reclamation and conjunctive use similarly will only allow you to enter monthly values if you select yes, and you must click "Save" in each section. These section do not apply to most water diverters, if they do not apply to you then select no for each question.



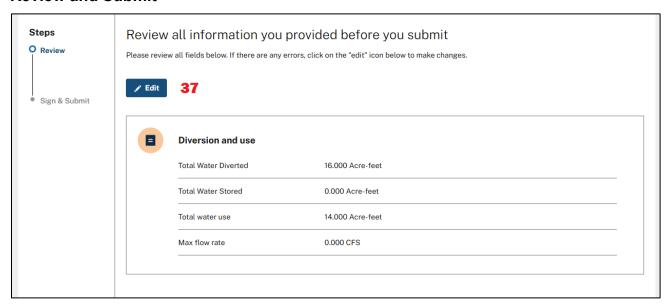
## **Upload Documents**



- 35. This box gives you a place to make general comments about your entire annual report. If you have additional details you want to relay, or have information that you were unable to explicitly add and want to include, please enter it here.
- 36. In addition to the general comments, you may also upload any files you want to support your annual report or provide more information to staff. You can either drag files directly onto the upload box, or click on the "Upload Files" button to add files using your device's menu.

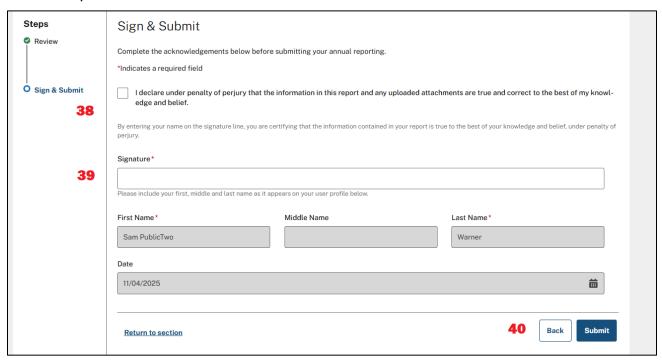


#### **Review and Submit**



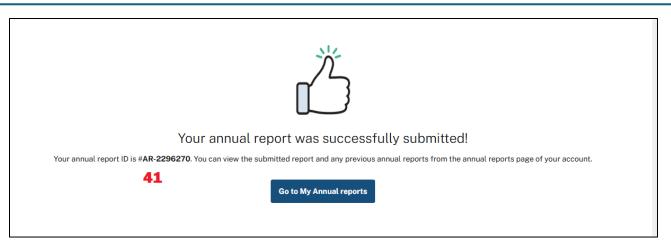
37. The review page allow you to quickly see all information you have included on your annual report. If you need to change any information, click on the "Edit" button and you will be taken to the section menu where you can navigate back to the section you want to modify. Click on "Next" to proceed to the submission page.

## Submit Report



- 38. Check the box to acknowledge that you are submitting true information.
- 39. Type your name exactly as you registered it to sign the document.
- 40. Select "Submit" to complete your annual report. Your annual report is not considered complete until you select "Submit".





When you see this screen, your annual report has been successfully recorded in our system.

41. Note that the "AR" number shown here is the unique record number for the annual report you just filed, it is not your water right number.