



State Water Resources Control Board

ELEVENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL RULING

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office is holding
a Public Hearing on the pending Petitions for Change of Water Right
Permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482
(Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512, respectively) of the

Department of Water Resources.

Protestants' rebuttal portion of the Public Hearing
Will be continuing on **June 15, 18, 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2026.**

If necessary, Petitioner's surrebuttal portion of the Public Hearing will
begin on **August 20, 2026**, and continue on **August 21 & 24, 2026.**

All hearing days will begin at 9:00 a.m.
and will be held by Zoom Webinar, unless otherwise indicated.
Representatives of parties will receive an individual invitation to join the hearing
by e-mail from Zoom.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LIVE STREAMING:

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LANGUAGE SERVICES AND ACCESSIBILITY:

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PURPOSE OF HEARING

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) is conducting a public hearing about the Delta Conveyance Project. The purpose of the hearing is to gather evidence that the State Water Board will consider to determine whether to approve change petitions filed by the Department of Water Resources (DWR or Petitioner) to add two new points of diversion and rediversion to water right Permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482 (Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512, respectively) and, if so, terms and conditions the Board should include in the amended permits.

BACKGROUND

On February 22, 2024, the State Water Board's Division of Water Rights received petitions for change from DWR to add two new points of diversion and points of rediversion to water right Permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482, which are associated with the State Water Project. The proposed new points of diversion and points of rediversion would consist of screened intakes 2.3 miles apart located on the lower Sacramento River between Freeport and Sutter Slough. The proposed new intakes are part of the Delta Conveyance Project, which would allow DWR to divert water from the Sacramento River in the northern portion of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Delta) and convey the water through a tunnel to existing water distribution facilities in the southern Delta. A more detailed description of the Delta Conveyance Project and the associated petitions for change can be found in the July 31, 2024 Notice of Public Hearing.

This hearing is being conducted in accordance with the procedural requirements in the July 31, 2024 Notice of Public Hearing as amended by subsequent rulings and notices.

HEARING SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES

The AHO is scheduling **June 25, 2026**, as an additional hearing day for the portion of the hearing addressing Protestants' rebuttal testimony. The hearing officer has asked relevant parties to reserve the morning of June 22, 2026 (from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.), as a possible additional hearing day. If the AHO schedules the morning of June 22 as an additional hearing day, the AHO will issue an amended hearing notice on or before Friday, June 19, 2026.

Deadlines / Schedule	Date and Time
Hearing on Protestants' rebuttal testimony.	June 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 18, 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m.
Deadline for Petitioner to submit surrebuttal exhibits and updated exhibit identification indices (if requested and approved by hearing officer).	July 24, 2026.

Hearing on Petitioner's surrebuttal testimony (as necessary).

August 20, 21, & 24, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Date: June 11, 2026



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- Attachment 1 - Service List

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