

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

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

ORDER WR 2008-0037-DWR

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In the Matter of License 7543 (Application 16124), License 12624 (Application 16761),  
and Permit 21089 (Application 30532)

Monterey County Water Resources Agency

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE,  
ADDING POINT OF REDIVERSION AND  
ISSUING AMENDED LICENSES AND PERMIT**

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SOURCES: Nacimiento River and San Antonio River tributary to Salinas River

COUNTIES: Monterey and San Luis Obispo

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**WHEREAS:**

1. The State Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Division of Water Rights (Division) issued License 7543 to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) on November 4, 1965, pursuant to permitted Application 16124; issued License 12624 to MCWRA on December 2, 1965 (amended April 22, 1990), pursuant to permitted Application 16761; and issued Permit 21089 to MCWRA on March 23, 2001, pursuant to Application 30532.
2. Division records of ownership for all three water rights show the current owner as Monterey County Water Resources Agency.
3. An Environmental Impact Report /Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) was prepared in order to evaluate potential impacts from MCWRA's Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP). In June 2003, the MCWRA Board of Supervisors certified the Final EIR/EIS (State Clearinghouse No. 2000034007) (FEIR).
4. On November 8, 2004, MCWRA filed a petition to change the place of use and add a point of rediversion under Licenses 7543 and 12624 and Permit 21089. The petitions were publicly noticed on December 17, 2004. The petitioner sought to change the place of use under the licenses and permit to include 421,435 acres comprising MCWRA Zone 2-C (an assessment zone) as shown on a map dated October 28, 2004.
5. On January 14, 2005, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) filed a protest against the change petitions, arguing that the Salinas Valley Water Project posed a potentially adverse impact to steelhead. The protest was accepted by the Division on February 4, 2005.
6. The location of the point of rediversion was amended by approximately 200 feet in a separate petition, submitted October 23, 2007. The Division determined that a public notice was not required for this petition under title 23 Cal. Code Regs § 795.