

State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Temporary Permit Applications T033522A

Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District or Applicant) filed temporary permit applications with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights, pursuant to Water Code section 1433.3 et seq. The project associated with the application is located in Tehama County and would involve diversion of water from Elder Creek. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

Summary of Temporary Permit Application T033522A

Type of Temporary Permit: 5-year Temporary Permit

Date of Filing: The application was filed with the State Water Board on October 2, 2025.

Source of Water: The source of water is Elder Creek in Tehama County, tributary to Sacramento River.

Amount: The maximum combined amount of water requested for diversion to underground storage is 2,250 acre-feet per year, with diversion rates for each point of diversion not to exceed 10 cubic feet per second (cfs), and combined rate of diversion to not exceed 30 cfs.

Season of Diversion: December 1 through March 31 of each water year for a five-year period, ending March 31, 2030.

Points of Diversion (POD): Water would be diverted from three PODs as follows:

- POD 1 (Rancho Tehama East) - By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 1, North 1,896,461 feet and East 6,475,330, being within the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- POD 2 (Rancho Tehama West) - By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone I, North 1,896,534 feet and East 6,473,173 feet, being within the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

- POD 3 (Marenco Ranch) - By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone I, North 1,898,272 feet and East 6,490,547 feet, being within the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 7, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purpose of Use: Irrigation.

Place of Use: Irrigation use on up to 271,793 acres within the Red Bluff Subbasin boundaries as shown on map filed on October 21, 2025, with the State Water Board.

Location and Type of Infiltration: Groundwater recharge will occur through direct surface infiltration by flooding agricultural fields (on-farm recharge). Water diverted from Elder Creek will be spread across approximately 48 acres of farmland, allowing percolation through the soil profile to the underlying aquifer. Recharge will occur only during high-flow events (above the 90th percentile), using existing agricultural fields and conveyance infrastructure.

Use Accounting: Surface water from Elder Creek will be diverted during high-flow events exceeding the 90th percentile and measured at each point of diversion using flow meters with data loggers. Recharge volumes will be tracked through groundwater level monitoring, and water accounting will follow the “last-in, first-out” method. All diversion and extraction data will be reported annually through the Red Bluff Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Water Rights Records Database

Documentation related to temporary permit applications was previously available through the State Water Board’s electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) database, but that system is currently unavailable. For access to the application documents, please contact Greg Brown at (916) 341-5300 or Greg.Brown@waterboards.ca.gov (email is the preferred means of communication).

Procedure for Filing Objections

Pursuant to Water Code section 1433.3, any interested person may file an objection against the approval of the subject application. Objections should be submitted via email to the staff and applicant contact listed below but may also be submitted via regular mail or hand delivered. If objections are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the contact listed below.

Objections must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **November 25, 2025**, with copy provided to the applicant. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file an objection.

Contact Information

Please direct all requests and inquiries regarding this notice to Greg Brown at (916) 341-5300 or Greg.Brown@waterboards.ca.gov (email is the preferred means of communication). Written correspondence should be addressed to:

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights
Attn: Greg Brown
P.O. Box 2000,
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

All correspondence directed to the applicant should be emailed to Naomi Tanaka at Tanaka@mbkengineers.com, or mailed to:

MBK Engineers
Attn: Naomi Tanaka
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Sacramento, CA 95825

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is **October 24, 2025.**