



State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF PETITIONS FOR
LONG-TERM TRANSFER AND INSTREAM FLOW DEDICATION
FROM MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT
TO U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
UNDER LICENSE 2685 (APPLICATION 1224)
IN MERCED AND MARIPOSA COUNTIES**

COUNTIES: MERCED AND STREAM SYSTEM: MERCED RIVER
 MARIPOSA

On December 16, 2011, Merced Irrigation District (MID) filed a petition for long-term transfer pursuant to Water Code section 1735 et seq., and a petition for instream flow dedication pursuant to Water Code section 1707, for water right License 2685 (Application 1224). The water will be used to assist the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) in meeting the 31-day pulse flow period in the San Joaquin River at Vernalis during April and May of 2012 and 2013. The pulse flows are proposed as an interim measure between the expiration of the San Joaquin River Agreement (SJRA) and the State Water Resources Control Board's adoption of new flow objectives for the San Joaquin River. MID filed the petitions in order to provide continued pulse flows in April and May, similar to the pulse flows that would have been provided under the SJRA, with certain exceptions, during 2012 and 2013. The proposed changes include the continued place of use and purpose of use for these pulse flows. Any correspondence directed to the petitioner should be mailed to: Merced Irrigation District, c/o Darren Cordova, MBK Engineers, 1771 Tribute Road, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95815; email: cordova@mbkengineers.com; Fax: (916) 456-0253

Summary of License 2685 and Changes Proposed with Petitions for Long-Term Transfer and Instream Flow Dedication

Source	Merced River
Points of Diversion	Within the NW ¹ / ₄ of SE ¹ / ₄ of Section 13, T4S, R15E, MDB&M Within the SW ¹ / ₄ of SE ¹ / ₄ of Section 4, T5S, R15E, MDB&M Within the NE ¹ / ₄ of SW ¹ / ₄ of Section 7, T5S, R15E, MDB&M Within the SE ¹ / ₄ of SE ¹ / ₄ of Section 9, T4S, R18E, MDB&M
Points of Rediversion	Within the SW ¹ / ₄ of the SE ¹ / ₄ of Section 4, T5S, R15E, MDB&M Within the NE ¹ / ₄ of the SW ¹ / ₄ of Section 7, T5S, R15E, MDB&M Within the SW ¹ / ₄ of the NW ¹ / ₄ of Section 11, T8S, R14E, MDB&M
Amount	1,500 cubic feet per second by direct diversion 266,400 acre-feet (af) by storage Combined direct diversion/storage limit of 345,440 af annually (afa)
Amount Proposed Under Transfer/Dedication	Up to 90,000 afa during April and May of 2012 and 2013 (Up to 180,000 af combined two-year total).
Diversion Season	Direct Diversion: About March 1 through about October 31 Storage: About October 1 through about July 1 of the succeeding year
Purpose of Use	Irrigation, Domestic, Municipal; and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement temporarily allowed through December 31, 2011

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Proposed Additional Purpose of Use During Transfer/Dedication	Fish and Wildlife Enhancement through December 31, 2013
Place of Use	Domestic and irrigation use on 164,395 gross acres within the MID boundaries; Municipal use to 1,900 acres known as the Mariposa Town Planning Area; Irrigation use on 9,418.6 acres within the El Nido Irrigation District boundaries; and fish and wildlife enhancement temporarily allowed within the reaches of the Merced River and San Joaquin River between MID's existing point of diversion at New Exchequer Dam and Vernalis through December 31, 2011.
Proposed Place of Use During Transfer/Dedication	MID proposes to continue temporary fish and wildlife enhancement (as modified by the petitions) from New Exchequer Dam to Vernalis through December 31, 2013.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 814, any interested party may file a protest against this petition. **Comments must be received by the Division of Water Rights by 4:30 p.m. on January 23, 2012. A copy must also be provided to the petitioner at the address above.** To obtain detailed information regarding the proposed transfer, you may view the petition by visiting the Division's website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml. Should you have any other questions regarding this matter, please contact Kate Gaffney at (916) 341-5360 or by e-mail at kgaffney@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date of Notice: December 23, 2011