

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PETITIONS

This form is required for all petitions.

Before the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) can approve a petition, the State Water Board must consider the information contained in an environmental document prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This form is not a CEQA document. If a CEQA document has not yet been prepared, a determination must be made of who is responsible for its preparation. As the petitioner, you are responsible for all costs associated with the environmental evaluation and preparation of the required CEQA documents. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and submit any studies that have been conducted regarding the environmental evaluation of your project. If you need more space to completely answer the questions, please number and attach additional sheets.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES OR WORK REMAINING TO BE COMPLETED

For a petition for change, provide a description of the proposed changes to your project including, but not limited to, type of construction activity, structures existing or to be built, area to be graded or excavated, increase in water diversion and use (up to the amount authorized by the permit), changes in land use, and project operational changes, including changes in how the water will be used. For a petition for extension of time, provide a description of what work has been completed and what remains to be done. Include in your description any of the above elements that will occur during the requested extension period.

To temporarily deviate from the dry year flow requirements of Decision 1631 by setting Rush Creek flows to 20 cfs regardless of Grant Lake Reservoir storage and inflow levels until March 31, 2016. Decision 1631 requires that Rush Creek instream flows shall be the lesser of the inflow to Grant Lake or the specified dry year flow requirements if Grant Lake falls below 11,500 acre-feet.

The Mono Lake Committee (MLC), on behalf of other members of the Parties consisting of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and California Trout, Inc. (CalTrout) supports the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposal to temporarily modify Mono Basin operations by maintaining 20 cfs base flows in Rush Creek when Grant Lake storage falls below 11,500 acre-feet in lieu of matching outflow with inflow. This proposal was made following MLC's consultation in-line with recommendation by the State designated Stream Scientist, Ross Taylor.

The proposed 20 cfs constant base flows will ensure healthy brown trout fisheries in Rush Creek during dry year winter flow releases (Fisheries Habitat Mapping, 2008) since flows are expected to remain very low through the end of the runoff year. Similar requests were made and approved by the SWRCB during past dry runoff years.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Coordination with Regional Water Quality Control Board

For change petitions only, you must request consultation with the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the potential effects of your proposed change on water quality and other instream beneficial uses. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.) In order to determine the appropriate office for consultation, see: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.shtml. Provide the date you submitted your request for consultation here, then provide the following information.

Date of Request

Will your project, during construction or operation, (1) generate waste or wastewater containing such things as sewage, industrial chemicals, metals, or agricultural chemicals, or (2) cause erosion, turbidity or sedimentation?

Yes No

Will a waste discharge permit be required for the project?

Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Local Permits

For temporary transfers only, you must contact the board of supervisors for the county(ies) both for where you currently store or use water and where you propose to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.) Provide the date you submitted your request for consultation here.

Date of Contact

For change petitions only, you should contact your local planning or public works department and provide the information below.

Person Contacted: Date of Contact:

Department: Phone Number:

County Zoning Designation:

Are any county permits required for your project? If yes, indicate type below. Yes No

- Grading Permit Use Permit Watercourse Obstruction Permit
 Change of Zoning General Plan Change Other (explain below)

If applicable, have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide copies. Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Federal and State Permits

Check any additional agencies that may require permits or other approvals for your project:

- Regional Water Quality Control Board Department of Fish and Game
- Dept of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams California Coastal Commission
- State Reclamation Board U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

Have you obtained any of the permits listed above? If yes, provide copies. Yes No

For each agency from which a permit is required, provide the following information:

Agency	Permit Type	Person(s) Contacted	Contact Date	Phone Number

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Construction or Grading Activity

Does the project involve any construction or grading-related activity that has significantly altered or would significantly alter the bed, bank or riparian habitat of any stream or lake? Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Archeology

Has an archeological report been prepared for this project? If yes, provide a copy. Yes No

Will another public agency be preparing an archeological report? Yes No

Do you know of any archeological or historic sites in the area? If yes, explain below. Yes No

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Not Applicable

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable:

Photographs

For all petitions other than time extensions, attach complete sets of color photographs, clearly dated and labeled, showing the vegetation that exists at the following three locations:

- Along the stream channel immediately downstream from each point of diversion
- Along the stream channel immediately upstream from each point of diversion
- At the place where water subject to this water right will be used

Maps

For all petitions other than time extensions, attach maps labeled in accordance with the regulations showing all applicable features, both present and proposed, including but not limited to: point of diversion, point of redirection, distribution of storage reservoirs, point of discharge of treated wastewater, place of use, and location of instream flow dedication reach. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 715 et seq., 794.)

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 794, petitions for change submitted without maps may not be accepted.

All Water Right Holders Must Sign This Form:

I (we) hereby certify that the statements I (we) have furnished above and in the attachments are complete to the best of my (our) ability and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. Dated Dec. 22, 2015 at Los Angeles.

James G. Yannotta

JAMES G. YANNOTTA MANAGER OF AQUEDUCT

Water Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature

LADWP

Water Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature

NOTE:

- **Petitions for Change** may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition was served on the Department of Fish and Game. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 794.)
- **Petitions for Temporary Transfer** may not be accepted unless you include proof that a copy of the petition was served on the Department of Fish and Game and the board of supervisors for the county(ies) where you currently store or use water and the county(ies) where you propose to transfer the water. (Wat. Code § 1726.)

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Mono
P.O. Box 237
Bridgeport, CA 93517

From: (Public Agency): City of Los Angeles
Department of Water and Power
111 N. Hope St, Los Angeles CA 90012
(Address)

Project Title: Mono Basin Temporary Operation Petition to SWRCB

Project Applicant: City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power

Project Location - Specific:
Rush Creek, Mono Basin, Mono County, CA

Project Location - City: Lee Vining Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
SWRCB Decision 1631 minimum in-stream flow requirements for Rush Creek will be modified temporarily until March 31, 2016 to ensure health of brown trout fisheries since dry year winter flows are expected to be very low. This modification was recommended by the SWRCB appointed Stream Scientist.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301(i)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The proposed flow deviation will maintain healthy brown trout fisheries in Rush Creek during this dry runoff year.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Charles C. Holloway Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 367-0285

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: Charles C. Holloway Date: 12/18/2015 Title: Manager, Environmental

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: