

State of California  
State Water Resources Control Board  
**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**  
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## 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.

See Attachment 1 - Environmental Information

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable: 1

**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](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

May 9, 2018

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:

On May 9, 2018, the Carmichael Water District ("District") contacted Ms. Michelle Snapp of the Central Valley RWQCB (916-464-4824, michelle.snapp@waterboards.ca.gov) to notify her of the District's proposed 2018 water transfer. The CVRWQCB has not provided any comments as of this date, but the District will notify staff if any comments are received. The District provided Ms. Snapp with a copy of the Petition and this EIP concurrently with the filing of the Petition with the Division. Also see Attachment No. 1.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable: 1

**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

May \_\_, 2018

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

Person Contacted: Not applicable

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:

Carmichael Water District is required to obtain a permit to export groundwater from the Sacramento County Water Agency ("SCWA") under Title 3, section 3.40.090 of the SCWA Code. The District has filed its application for the permit and discussed the request with Kerry Schmitz, SCWA's Division Chief - Water Supply. The District will provide a copy of the approved permit to the Division of Water Rights when it has been approved by SCWA and transmitted to the District.

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 |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Not applicable |             |                     |              |              |

If necessary, provide additional information below:

Although not required, Carmichael Water District served notice of the petition on May 9, 2018 to Lauren Mulloy, the Department of Fish & Wildlife's Region 2's water rights staff contact, at 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, 916-358-2909. To date, CDFW has not provided any comments on the District's temporary transfer petition.

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**     *See Attachment 1*

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

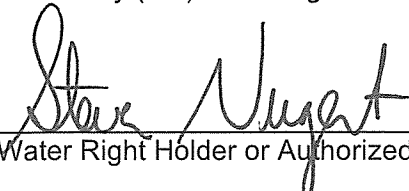
**Maps**     *See Attachment 1*

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 rediversion, 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     May 10, 2018     at     Sacramento, California

  
Water Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature

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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.)

**Attachment 1**  
**Environmental Information for Petition for Change Involving Transfer**  
**Carmichael Water District – License 1387**

**Description of Proposed Changes**

Petitioner Carmichael Water District (“District”) proposes to transfer by groundwater substitution up to 600 acre-feet (“AF”) of surface water normally diverted by the District from the American River at the Bajamont Water Treatment Plant (the “Transfer”). The groundwater pumped to support this transfer will be pumped by the District. The District will forego diverting up to 600 AF of its surface water supplies and instead leave that foregone surface water supply in the Lower American River for transfer to two State Water Project (“SWP”) contractors, Dudley Ridge Water District, and Kern County Water Agency (“Buyers”).

The District is part of a six-agency group of sellers that rely on the American River for their surface water supplies that are petitioning the State Water Board simultaneously to temporarily add a point of diversion, a point of rediversion, places of use, and purposes of use to their water rights to enable transfer of approximately 12,000 acre-feet of surface water to the Buyers through groundwater substitution. The estimated availability of transferrable surface water reflects the net surface water available after applying an 8% stream depletion factor to the pumping of approximately 13,150 acre-feet of groundwater in the region to meet local demands otherwise served by the foregone surface supplies.

The water supplies that the District proposes to transfer to the Buyers will be used for irrigation purposes within the portion of the SWP service area that comprises the Buyers’ individual service areas. To make the 600 AF of “Transfer Water” available to the Buyers, the District will pump groundwater to serve its customers’ demands that otherwise would have been served with surface water diverted from the American River and treated at the Bajamont Water Treatment Plant for delivery to serve those demands.

To accomplish this Transfer, the District is requesting that the State Water Resources Control Board (“State Water Board”) approve the following temporary changes to the District’s Water Right License No. 1387:

1. Authorize additional point of diversion for the Transfer Water at the SWP’s Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant via Clifton Court Forebay, and point of rediversion at San Luis Reservoir;
2. Authorize an additional place of use for the Transfer Water within the service areas of the Buyers, which are all contained within the existing authorized SWP service area; and
3. Authorize an additional purpose of use for irrigation.

The existing point of diversion, place of use and purpose of use in the District’s License No. 1387 would continue to be valid and utilized.

The District will leave the Transfer Water in the lower American River and allow the Buyers (as stipulated in a separate conveyance agreement between the Buyers, the Sellers and DWR) to take

control of the Transfer Water at the District's point of diversion furthest downstream on the American River. The Transfer Water will then flow down the Sacramento River and across the Delta to the proposed additional temporary point of diversion at the Banks Pumping Plant. DWR then will divert the Transfer Water at the Banks Pumping Plant. After diversion from the Delta, the Transfer Water will either be conveyed for use in the Buyers' service areas or stored in San Luis Reservoir or other facilities for later use by the Buyers. Conveyance of the Transfer Water will be scheduled in cooperation with DWR such that it will use available surplus release, pumping and transmission capacity and will not disrupt normal SWP operations. The proposed water transfer would be carried out in compliance with all existing laws and regulatory constraints on diversions from the Delta.

Only existing facilities will be utilized to accomplish this temporary water transfer. It does not involve construction or modification of any facilities. Because the proposed transfer would be conducted to replace existing water demands that otherwise would be unsatisfied in 2018 because of cutbacks in the Buyers' SWP contractual entitlements, land uses within the District's service area and affected portions of the SWP service areas will not change as a result of this transfer. This transfer is needed to provide supplemental irrigation water supplies to the Buyers, which have been affected by reduced 2018 water supply allocations due to the dry hydrology. Because its purpose is to make up for unavailable water supplies normally used by the Buyers, the proposed transfer will not result in any land use changes.

CEQA is not required for this proposed transfer because temporary water transfers (one year or less) under Water Code sections 1725 through 1732 are statutorily exempt from CEQA. (Water Code, § 1729; CEQA Guidelines, § 15282(u).) The District will file a notice of exemption for this transfer upon the SWRCB's approval of the Petition.

The proposed transfer will be conducted in compliance with the guidelines issued in the *Draft Technical Information for Preparing Water Transfer Proposals*, dated December 2015, as published by the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The District and the other American River sellers will enter into a conveyance agreement with DWR that will stipulate specific and applicable implementation measures for the transfer to assure the transfer complies with subdivision (d) of Water Code section 1810.

(For additional details, please see accompanying Petition)

### **Coordination with Regional Water Quality Control Board**

This transfer project will not require any construction and its operation will not generate waste or wastewater containing sewage or chemicals of any kind. As explained in Attachment No.1 to the Petition, the amount of water that the District proposes to transfer will only slightly increase anticipated 2018 baseline water flows in the lower American and Sacramento Rivers and in the Delta and will be within the range of historical flows. This negligible increase in estimated 2018 flows resulting from the proposed transfer is not expected to cause erosion, turbidity, or sedimentation.

### **Photographs**

The present and proposed points of diversion include existing facilities that are well known to and documented with the SWRCB's Division of Water Rights ("Division"). In addition, the present and proposed places of use also are well known to and documented with the Division. Providing photographs of the present and proposed points of diversion and places of use would be redundant and, therefore, none are included with this Environmental Information form.

### **Maps**

The District's existing point of diversion on the American River at the Bajamont Water Treatment Plant, and existing place of use are shown on the map filed with the Division for License No. 1387. The District's existing place of use encompasses its retail service area, which is where the surface water proposed to be transferred would otherwise be used. The proposed temporary point of diversion for the SWP Banks Pumping Plant, and the temporary point of redirection at San Luis Reservoir are shown on maps filed with the Division for DWR's Application 5630. The proposed additional place of use is a portion of the SWP service area, as shown on Map 1878 – 2 and – 3 on file with the Division under Application 5630.