
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF A TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE PETITION FILED BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REGARDING PERMITS AND LICENSE OF THE STATE WATER PROJECT AND THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) (collectively referred to as Petitioners) filed a Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) on January 29, 2014, pursuant to California Water Code section 1435.

The TUCP requests that the State Water Board temporarily modify the Petitioners' permit and license¹ terms for the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. Specifically, the TUCP requests temporary modification of conditions imposed pursuant to State Water Board [Decision 1641](#) that require Petitioners to meet water quality objectives established in the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. The TUCP requests the modifications for a period of 180 days.

On January 31, 2014, the Executive Director of the State Water Board, acting under delegated authority, issued an order approving the TUCP (Order) pursuant to Water Code section 1438(a), which allows the State Water Board to issue a temporary change order in advance of public noticing requirements.

The State Water Board has scheduled a workshop on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 to discuss drought activities and actions. At the workshop, the public will have an opportunity to comment on the TUCP, including input on: 1) the urgent need for the proposed change; 2) whether the proposed change may be made without injury to any other lawful user of water; 3) whether the proposed change may be made without unreasonable effect upon fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses; and 4) whether the proposed change is in the public interest. The Board will also seek feedback and suggested modifications to the Order to better protect public interest, health and safety, and beneficial uses of water.² The State Water Board will publish a

¹ The petition was filed for Permits 16478, 16479, 16481, 16482 and 16483 (Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, 17512 and 17514A, respectively) of the Department of Water Resources' State Water Project and License 1986 and Permits 11315, 11316, 11885, 11886, 11887, 11967, 11968, 11969, 11970, 11971, 11972, 11973, 12364, 12721, 12722, 12723, 12725, 12726, 12727, 12860, 15735, 16597, 20245, and 16600 (Applications 23, 234, 1465, 5638, 13370, 13371, 5628, 15374, 15375, 15376, 16767, 16768, 17374, 17376, 5626, 9363, 9364, 9366, 9367, 9368, 15764, 22316, 14858A, 14858B, and 19304, respectively) of the United States Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project.

² Pursuant to Water Code section 1440, a temporary change order is subject at all times to modification or revocation at the discretion of the Board and shall automatically expire 180 days after the date of its issuance unless an earlier date is specified or it has been revoked.

separate notice for this public workshop. The workshop will not be an evidentiary hearing, and any comments on the TUCP will not be treated as testimony. If necessary, the State Water Board will hold an evidentiary hearing on any objections at a later date.

This notice, the Petitioners' TUCP, the Order approving the TUCP, and related project information can be viewed at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/tucp.shtml.

Any subsequent modifications to the Order approving the TUCP will be posted on this page of the State Water Board's website. For email notification of any modifications to the TUCP subscribe to our Drought Updates email subscription list (appears in the "Water Rights Topics" section).

Pursuant to California Water Code section 1438(d), any interested person may file an objection to the TUCP. Water Code section 1438 describes the procedure for addressing an objection.

Objections filed in response to this notice must be received by the State Water Board and should be provided to the petitioners no later than 12 noon, on March 3, 2014.

Please file objections using the [petition protest form](#), which can be downloaded at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/publications_forms/forms/docs/pet_protest.pdf.

Send objections or correspondence to the following: 1) State Water Resources Control Board, c/o Michael Buckman, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 or via email at Michael.Buckman@waterboards.ca.gov; 2) Department of Water Resources, c/o James Mizell, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001 or via email at James.Mizell@water.ca.gov; 3) Regional Solicitor's Office, c/o Amy Aufdemberge, 2800 Cottage Way, Rm. E-1712, Sacramento, CA 95825 or via email at Amy.Aufdemberge@sol.doi.gov; and 4) U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Paul Fujitani, 3310 El Camino Ave., Room 300, Sacramento, CA 95821, or via email at pfujitani@usbr.gov.

For questions regarding this notice, please contact Michael Buckman at (916) 341-5448 or Michael.Buckman@waterboards.ca.gov.

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