
(a) A person who files a water right application shall pay to the board a filing fee as follows:

(1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), (B) through (E), the fee for a water right application shall be $1,000, plus $15 for each acre-foot that the applicant seeks to divert in excess of 10 acre-feet. The total fee shall not exceed $498,665, plus any additional fee due pursuant to subparagraphs (2) and (3).

(B) At a facility where a small hydroelectric generating facility meets the criteria for a Class 28 categorical exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act, as established in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15328, the fee shall be $1,000.

(C) The fee for an application for a temporary permit filed under Water Code section 1425, other than a permit described in subparagraph (D) or (E) of this subdivision, shall be the greater of either (i) 50 percent of the fee calculated under subparagraph (A), above, or (ii) $2,000.

(D) The fee for an application for a temporary permit under Water Code section 1425 for a small hydroelectric generating facility that meets the criteria for a Class 28 categorical exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act, as established in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15328, shall be $1,000. The filing fee includes the annual permit fee if a temporary permit is issued.

(E) The fee for an application for a temporary permit, or renewal of a temporary permit, filed under Water Code section 1425 that is solely for purposes of diverting water from high flow events to underground storage for later beneficial use shall be $100 plus $1.00 for every 100 acre-feet of water the applicant diverts to underground storage under the permit in excess of 10,000 acre-feet. The portion of the application fee based on the amount diverted shall be due within 30 days of actual diversion, and shall be accompanied by a report of the amount actually diverted.

(2) If a water right application is accompanied by a petition to revise a declaration of fully appropriated stream systems, then $10,000 shall be added to the fee.

(3) If a water right application is accompanied by a petition for assignment of a state-filed application pursuant to Water Code section 10504, then $5,000 shall be added to the fee.

(b) A person who filed a water right application on or after July 1, 2003, and prior to January 1, 2004, shall pay a supplemental filing fee equal to the difference between the filing fee already paid and the amount due pursuant to the regulation in effect on January 1, 2004.
(c) The application filing fee includes a non-refundable $250 initial review fee of $250 or the amount of the application fee, whichever is less.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1058 and 1530, Water Code.
Reference: Sections 1425, 1426, 1525, 1535, and 1551, Water Code.