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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

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Date: January 11, 2006

Subject: Bear Lake Water Rights

Pursuant to Section 15082(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act (1970) (CEQA), Alpine County (County) will be the lead agency and will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the project described on page 2 of this notice. The County needs to know your agency's views as to the scope and content of the environmental information related to your agency's statutory authority with respect to the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering any applicable permits for the project.

This EIR is being prepared pursuant to the filing of the following actions with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB): (1) a petition for partial assignment of State-filed Application 5648 held by the SWRCB and accompanying application (Application 5648X07); (2) A petition to change the place and purpose of use and add a point of diversion on State-filed Application 5648; and (3) Application 31523 to appropriate water by permit as a backup in the event the Petition for Partial Assignment of State-filed Application 5648X07 and petition for change of State filed Application 5648 are not approved. The EIR will specifically address the following areas of potential adverse environmental effects related to the proposed project:

Biological Impacts due to habitat alteration
Cultural Resources
Hydrology and Water Quality
Public Services
Utilities and Service System

Pursuant to Section 15103 of the CEQA Guidelines, your response must be sent at the earliest date but received by our agency no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of this notice. Please send your response to the Alpine County Planning Department at the address at the top of the first page. Responses can also be emailed to Brian@pd.alpinecountyca.com.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Bear Creek Water Right Applications 5648X07 (Partial Assignment); 5648 (Change Petition); 31523

Location: State Highway 4, in and around the community of Bear Valley, California. The Point of Diversion is Bear Lake, Reba Dam in Alpine County, within the NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 7, T7N, R18E, MDB&M. The place of use is located within Section 7 and 18, T7N, R18E, MDB&M and Sections 12 and 13, T7N, R17E, MDB&M. The project is located on USGS Topographic Quadrangle 7.5 minute Series for Tamarack, California. The water source is Bear Creek tributary to Bloods Crock, thence North Fork Stanislaus River, thence Stanislaus River.


Description:

A. Application 5648X07-An amended Petition for Partial Assignment of State Filed Application 5648 to (1) add the County of Alpine as co-applicant; (2) delete snowmaking as a purpose of use; (3) increase the direct diversion annual limit from 139 acre-feet per annum (afa) to 175 afa and reduce the storage amount from 256 afa to 220 afa (the combined direct diversion and storage amount shall not exceed 395 afa); (4) modify the season of diversion, for both direct diversion and diversion to storage, to October 1 through July 31 of the succeeding year; and (5) reduce the place of use. The applicants propose to directly divert from Bear Creek and to collect water in storage at Bear Lake (Reba Dam) for municipal and recreational purposes. The water will be diverted from Bear Creek at Bear Lake and transferred to the existing treatment facility via an existing 12-inch diameter concrete encased steel pipe, with a length of 400 feet. The pipe capacity is 45 cubic feet per second (cfs). Municipal use is expected to increase from 3,618 people in 2004 to 6,156 people by 2014.

B) Application 5648 (Change Petition)-Petition to change State-Filed Application 5648 to request that (1) the place of use be changed to include the area being served by Lake Alpine Water Company in Alpine County; (2) the purposes of use be modified to include municipal and recreational uses; and (3) approval of a point of diversion or rediversion at Bear Lake within NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 7, T7N, R18E, MDB&M.

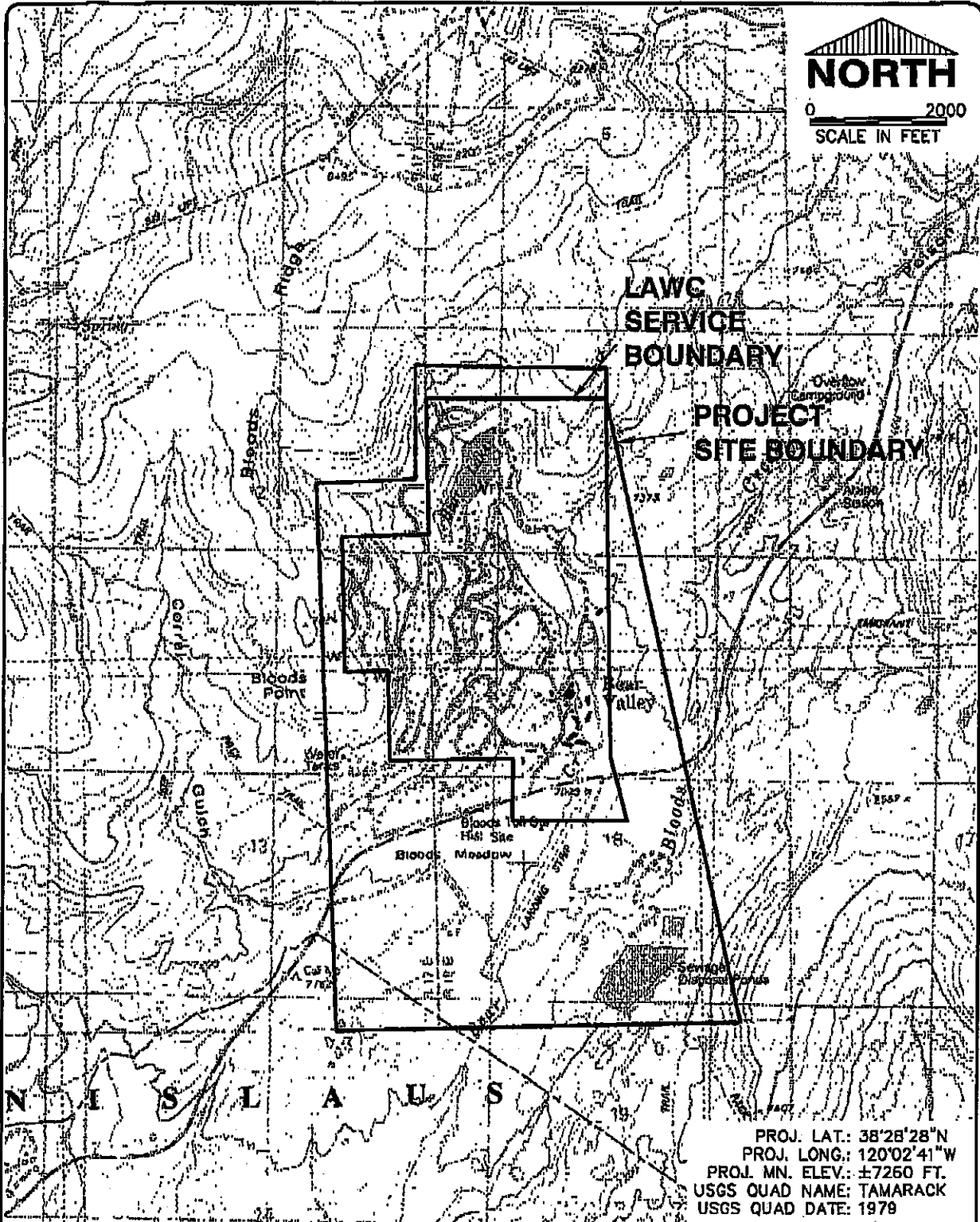
C) **Application 31523**-Application to seek a right to collect water to storage behind the existing Reba Dam (constructed in 1965), which is a 70-foot-high dam forming the 360-acre-foot capacity Bear Lake on-stream reservoir. The reservoir has a surface area of 15 acres. Water will be used for municipal and recreational purposes. Application 31523 is identical to the application accompanying the Partial Assignment for State-filed Application 5648X07.

City/County location: Alpine County
Lead Agency: Alpine County Planning Department


Signature: 
Brian Peters, Planning Director
Telephone: (530) 694-1878

Date: 1-11-2006

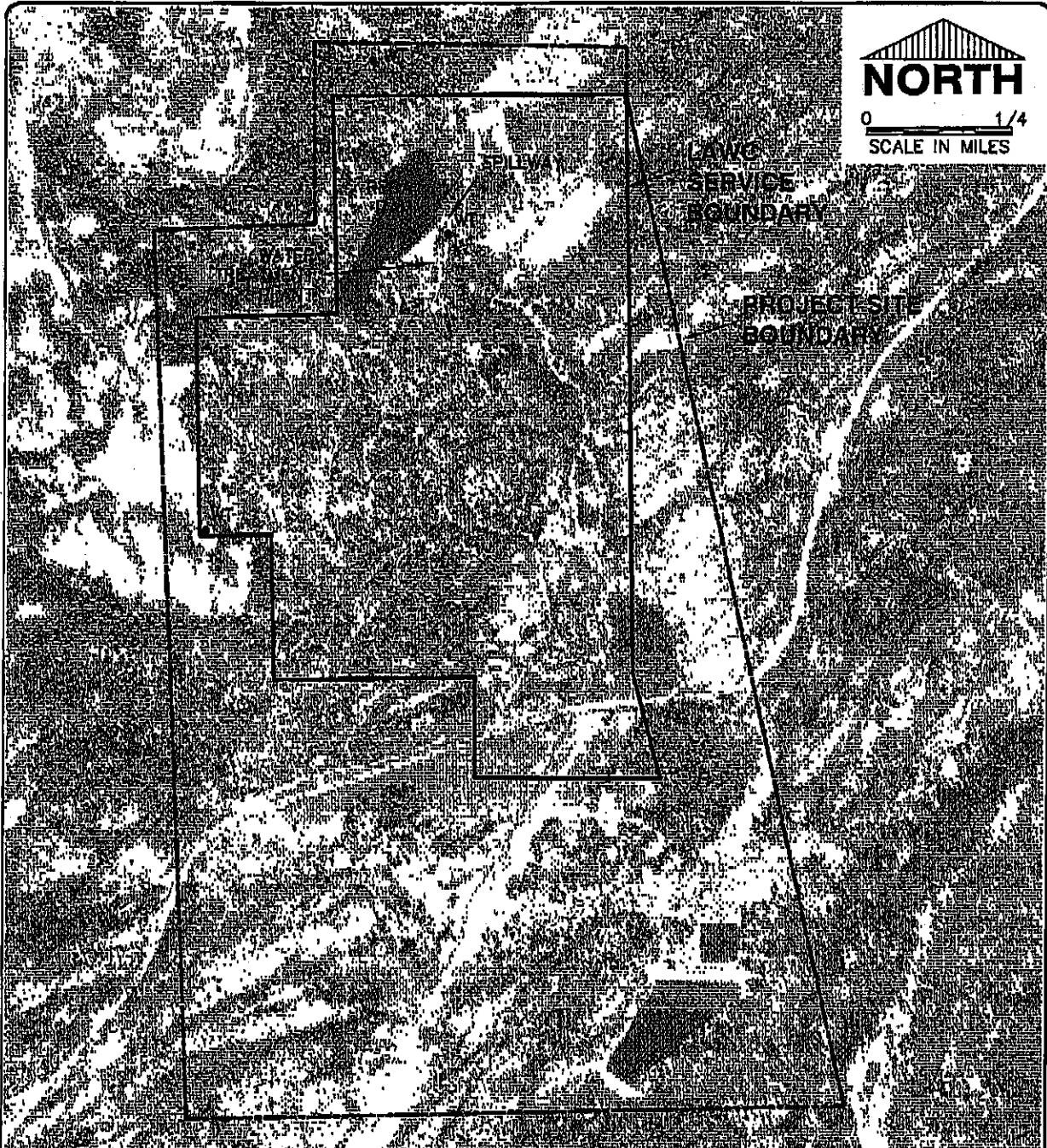
Attachments:
Vicinity Map
Proposed EIR Location Map



PROJ. LAT.: 38°28'28"N
 PROJ. LONG.: 120°02'41"W
 PROJ. MN. ELEV.: ±7260 FT.
 USGS QUAD NAME: TAMARACK
 USGS QUAD DATE: 1979

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Project Lead Agency

Alpine County

Contact Information

Primary Contact:

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Project Location

County: Alpine
City:
Region:
Cross Streets: State Highway 4 in and around the community of Bear Valley, CA
Parcel No:
Township: 7N
Range: 17/18E
Section: 7,8,12
Base: MDB&M
Other Location Info:

Proximity To

Highways: 4
Airports:
Railways:
Waterways: Bear Creek tributary to Bloods Creek, thence North Fork Stanislaus River, thence Stanislaus River
Schools:
Land Use:

Development Type

Local Action

Project Issues

ological Resources, Water Quality, Public Services, Other Issues

Reviewing Agencies (Agencies in **Bold Type** submitted comment letters to the State Clearinghouse)

Resources Agency; Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; Department of Parks and Recreation; **Department of Water Resources**; Department of Fish and Game, Region 2; Department of Health Services; Native American Heritage Commission; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 10; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Loans and Grants; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 5 (Sacramento)

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