

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.

United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Permits for the Central Valley Project (CVP):
Application Numbers 5626, 5628, 9363, 9364, 13370, 13371, 15374, 15375, 15764, 16767, 17374, 17376
Permit Numbers 12721, 11967, 12722, 12723, 11315, 11316, 11968, 11969, 12860, 11971, 11973, 12364

Requested Change

Reclamation requests that the State Water Resources Control Board modify the permits listed in this petition to add Los Banos Creek Detention Dam and three downstream points on Los Banos Creek as points of rediversion of water previously stored by Reclamation, as shown on the attached map.

Reason for the Requested Change

The requested change is for the purpose of improving water supply reliability and drought supplies of up to 8,000 acre-feet per year for wildlife refuges, including Grassland Water District, and two other south-of-Delta CVP contractors located on Los Banos Creek, San Luis Water District and Central California Irrigation District (a member of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors). CVP water will be rediverted to storage in Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir for later delivery to these CVP contracting districts downstream at the points of diversion on Los Banos Creek.

To facilitate the requested change, a buried pipeline that varies in width from 36 to 54 inches with a capacity of 40 cubic feet per second will be installed to convey water into Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir from a 40-cfs turnout owned by San Luis Water District. Reclamation and its participating CVP contractors successfully implemented a proof of concept for the requested change, installing and operating a temporary pipeline and receiving temporary change orders from the State Water Board. Appropriate CEQA documentation has been completed and all required permits have been obtained for the physical construction and operation of the permanent pipeline and appurtenant facilities.

The proposed change will not increase the quantity or alter the timing of Reclamation's diversions from the Delta, and will not reduce flows or impact water quality in Los Banos Creek, but will instead improve streamflow and reduce local flooding. All other provisions of the above permits protecting other legal water users, and environmental and other regulatory restrictions governing CVP operations, will remain in effect.

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

11/22/2024

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:

Construction requires a NPDES Construction General Permit and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. To mitigate the potential for erosion or sedimentation, Best Management Practices will be implemented such as site planning and scheduling, limiting disturbed soil areas, using physical barriers and infiltration swales, avoiding work during storms, and protecting stockpiled materials.

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: Steve Maxey

Date of Contact: 11/22/2024

Department: Community and Economic Development

Phone Number: (209) 385-7654

County Zoning Designation: A-2 (Exclusive General Agriculture Zone)

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:

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
Reg. Water Quality Control Bd.	401 Certification	Alexander Mushegan	11/27/2024	(559) 445-5116
U.S. Army Corps	404 Permit	Michael Pectol	12/19/2024	(801) 295-8380

If necessary, provide additional information below:

A Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Order was issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on November 27, 2024.

A Clean Water Act Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permit was issued by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on December 19, 2024.

A copy of the Section 404 Permit, which contains a copy of the Section 401 Certification and Order, is attached.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable: Attachment A

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:

A boat ramp will be reconstructed at Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir. Culverts will be installed at an existing road crossing below Los Banos Creek Detention Dam. An application for a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement was submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). On October 29, 2024, CDFW responded that a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement is not required.

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:

The archeological report can only be sent through an appropriate confidential transmittal but is described in the CEQA IS/MND at pp. 39-41. Mitigation measures avoiding significant impacts received concurrence from SHPO, see attached.

Insert the attachment number here, if applicable: Attachment B

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 02/09/2025 at Sacramento, CA .

MELISSA VIGNAU

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Water Right Holder or Authorized Agent Signature

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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.)