



State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Temporary Permit Application T033328

Triangle T Water District (Applicant) has filed an application for a temporary permit with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) pursuant to Water Code section 1425 et seq. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

Pursuant to Water Code section 1428, the State Water Board may issue a temporary permit in advance of public notice. Consequently, a temporary permit may be issued on the application prior to, during, or after this noticing period.

Summary of the Temporary Permit Application

Source:

The source streams are Chowchilla and Eastside Bypasses, tributary to the San Joaquin River, thence the Pacific Ocean.

County:

The proposed project is located in Madera County and Merced County.

Points of Diversion:

Surface flow would be diverted at a total of 37 points of diversion located along the Chowchilla and Eastside Bypasses, all within Sections 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29, 30, 33, and 34, Townships 9, 10, 11, and 12 South, Ranges 13, 14, and 15 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian. Of the 37 points of diversion, there are 11 points that have an existing diversion structure or pump station and 26 are new proposed sites, which will use temporary pumping facilities.

Amount:

The total amount requested is 74,350 acre-feet by diversion to underground storage. This amount is inclusive of water potentially directly diverted for incidental irrigation as a result of on-farm recharge practices. The combined maximum rate of diversion is 750 cfs.

Season of Diversion:

The season of diversion is from January 1, 2023 to June 14, 2023.

Purpose of Use:

The purpose of use is irrigation.

Place of Use:

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The place of use consists of 47,005 acres of agricultural lands within the Applicant's service area and the Madera County GSA and Merced County GSA boundaries as shown on the map filed with the State Water Board.

Location and Type of Infiltration:

Infiltration would occur on up to 2,946 acres of agricultural lands (on-farm recharge) within the District's service area and the Madera County's GSA and Merced County GSA boundary overlying the Chowchilla and Merced subbasins. Water will be diverted from the bypasses and conveyed through existing irrigation systems. The water will be spread onto fields of crops and small berms will be used to contain the water as needed. Diverted water will be stored in the shallow unconfined aquifer.

Operations and Accounting:

Water stored underground would be extracted by overlying well-owners for irrigation use within the Applicant's service area during the 2023 irrigation season. The Applicant intends to ensure that all water diverted and stored under any temporary permit issued pursuant to T033328 is extracted by users onto agricultural lands within the place of use during the 2023 irrigation season prior to extraction of other types of underground water. Flow meters will be installed at the diversion points to measure the amount of water diverted and meters will be installed on the wells to measure amount of water extracted from the aquifer for beneficial use.

Procedure for Submitting Objections

Pursuant to Water Code section 1428, subdivision (d), any interested person may file an objection to the temporary diversion and use of water, with copy to the Applicant. Objections must be received or postmarked by the State Water Board by **4:30 p.m.** on **October 27, 2022.**

Objections may be emailed to Shelby Witherby at Shelby.Witherby@waterboards.ca.gov or mailed to: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Shelby Witherby, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000. If sent by mail, please notify Shelby Witherby at the phone number below. In addition, objections must be concurrently emailed to the Applicant's associated email below or mailed to the Applicant. If sent by mail, please notify the Applicant at the phone number below.

Contact Information

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, please do not contact either the Applicant or State Water Board staff in person. Instead, please contact either party through their email or phone number listed below.

Applicant Contact Information

Any correspondence directed to the Applicant should be mailed or emailed to Jeanne Zolezzi, at JZolezzi@herumcrabtree.com. If email is not possible, correspondence may be mailed to: Triangle T Water District, 5757 Pacific Avenue, Suite 222, Stockton, CA 95207. Mailings should be preceded with a notification phone call to (209) 472-7700.

State Water Board Contact Information

Please direct all requests and questions regarding this notice by email to Shelby Witherby at Shelby.Witherby@waterboards.ca.gov (email is the preferred means of communication), by phone to (916) 322-9632, or by mail addressed to: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Shelby Witherby, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000. Mailings should be preceded with a notification phone call to Shelby Witherby at the phone number listed above.

Electronic copies of the application and related documentation, including maps are available upon request to Shelby Witherby. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, as of the date of this notice, the Division of Water Rights Record Room is significantly reducing office hours to Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am-4pm. Parties wishing to view the application paper file must send a request to dwr@waterboards.ca.gov. Such a request will be fulfilled only during the reduced operation hours mentioned above.

Date of Notice: **September 26, 2022**