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## State Water Resources Control Board

### Notice of Temporary Permit Application T033344

Merced Irrigation District and the California Department of Water Resources filed a temporary water right permit application with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights, pursuant to Water Code section 1425 et seq. The project associated with the application is located in Merced County and would divert water from the Mariposa Creek stream system. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

#### Summary of Water Right Application T033344

**Type of Temporary Permit: 180 day**

**Date of Filing:** The application was filed with the State Water Board on December 23, 2022.

**Source of Water:** The source of water is Mariposa Creek, which is tributary to the San Joaquin River thence the Pacific Ocean.

**Amount:** The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 18,000 acre-feet, which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 70 cubic feet per second. **On January 6, 2023 the Board issues temporary permit order 21435 for application T033344, for 10,000 acre-feet.**

**Season of Diversion:** The season for diversion of water would be from January 6, 2023 to March 31, 2023.

**Points of Diversion:** Water will be diverted at a total of 16 points of diversion located within Sections 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 31, 32, 33 Townships 8 South, Ranges 13, 14, 15 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

**Purpose of Use:** The purpose of use for water is irrigation.

**Place of Use:** The places of use for water is 108,410 acres of land within LeGrand-Athlone, Plainsburg, and Merced Irrigation Districts' and Sandy Mush Company's and Lone Tree Mutual Water Company's service areas. Water would be diverted from Mariposa Creek and conveyed through the El Nido Canal.

**Location and Type of Infiltration:** The water would be spread onto 14,642 acres of agricultural land located within LeGrande-Athlone Water District, Plainsburg Irrigation

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District, Sandy Mush Water Company, Lone Tree Mutual Water Company, and Merced Irrigation District Boundaries. The recharge fields are within portions of Township 8 South, Range 13 East through Range 16 East; Township 9 South, Range 12 East through Range 16 East' and Township 10 South, Range 13 East through Range 14 East; Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

**Use Accounting:** Water stored underground would be extracted by overlying permitted private wells for irrigation use within the Applicant's service area for use during summer and fall of 2023. The applicant proposes to use "last in, first out" accounting, which requires the use of water recharged under this permit to occur prior to other sources of water and within the 2023 irrigation season. Groundwater recharge achieved under the proposed permit would benefit the Merced Subbasin.

## Water Rights Records Database

Documentation related to this application is available by accessing the State Water Board's electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) database:

- Go to <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ewrims/>
- Select "eWRIMS Database System" to open the eWRIMS Database
- Select "Accept" to accept the Public Records Act notice
- Select "Water Rights Records Search"
- Enter the application number in the "Application ID" field, then select "Search"
- Select the application number on the left side of the results to open the record
  - Select "View Document" to see the application and related documentation
  - Select "View Map" to see the application map
  - Select the "Map It" button to open the record in the eWRIMS GIS viewer

## Procedure for Filing Objections

Pursuant to Water Code section 1428, any interested person may file an objection against the approval of the subject application. Objections should be submitted via email to the staff contact listed below but may also be submitted via regular mail or hand delivered. If objections are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the staff contact listed below.

Objections must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **4:30 p.m.** on February 8, 2023, with copy provided to the applicant. The State Water Board may, for good cause shown, allow additional time to file an objection.

Pursuant to Water Code section 1428, the board may issue a temporary permit in advance of public notice. Consequently, a temporary permit may be issued on the application before the end of the noticing period.

## Contact Information

Please direct all requests and inquiries regarding this notice to Julian Storelli at Julian.Storelli@waterboards.ca.gov or (916)-323-0064 (email is the preferred means of communication). Written correspondence should be addressed to:

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Attn: Julian Storelli

All written correspondence directed to the applicant should be addressed to:

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**Date of Notice:** The date that this public notice was issued is January 6, 2023