
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Temporary Permit Application T033400

Aliso Water District (Applicant) has filed an application to appropriate water by 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 project associated with the application is located in Madera County and would divert water from the Chowchilla Bypass, tributary to the Lower San Joaquin River. Any correspondence directed to the Applicant should be mailed to: Joe Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, 455 W. Fir Ave, Clovis, CA 93611 or emailed to info@alisowdgsa.org.

Summary of Temporary Permit Application T033400

Date of Filing:

The application was filed with the State Water Board on October 13, 2023.

Source of Water:

The source of water is the Chowchilla Bypass, which is tributary to the Lower San Joaquin River.

Amount:

The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 10,000 acre-feet. This amount is inclusive of water potentially directly diverted for incidental irrigation as a result of on-farm recharge practices. The rate of diversion is 100 cubic feet per second.

Season of Diversion:

The season for diversion of water is from January 1 to June 29, 2024.

Points of Diversion:

Surface flow would be diverted at a total of 7 points of diversion located along the Chowchilla Bypass, all within Sections 2, 14, 22, 24, and 34, Townships 12 and 13 South, Range 15 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purpose of Use:

The purpose of use for water is irrigation.

Place of Use:

The place of use for water consists of 26,042 acres of agricultural lands within the Applicant's service area as shown on the map filed with the State Water Board.

Location and Type of Infiltration:

Infiltration would occur on up to 26,042 acres of agricultural lands within the District's service area. Water will be diverted from the bypass and conveyed through existing culverts and non-permanent pumping stations and associated distribution systems. The water will be spread onto fields of crops or idle lands where small berms will be used to contain the water as needed. Diverted water will be stored in the non-confined upper aquifer.

Operations and Accounting:

Water stored underground would be extracted by overlying permitted private wells for irrigation use within the Applicant's service area during the 2024 irrigation season. The Applicant intends to ensure that all water diverted and stored under any temporary permit issued pursuant to T033400 is extracted by users onto agricultural lands within the place of use during the 2024 irrigation season, prior to extraction of other types of underground water. Flow meters at the diversion points will measure the amount of water diverted to storage. Flow meters or known pumping rates will be used to measure the amount of water extracted from the aquifer for beneficial use.

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 Submitting Objections

Pursuant to Water Code section 1425, any interested person may file an objection to the temporary diversion and use of water, with copy to the Applicant. Objections must be received by the Division of Water Rights by **4:30 p.m. on November 30, 2023**.

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.

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 before the end of the noticing period.

Contact Information

Copies of the application and related documentation are available upon request. Please direct all requests and inquiries regarding this notice to Shelby Witherby at (916) 323-4342 or Shelby.Witherby@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence should be addressed to: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Shelby Witherby, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is October 30, 2023.