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## State Water Resources Control Board

### Notice of Water Right Application T033405

Colusa Groundwater Authority 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 Colusa County and would involve diversion of water from the Sacramento River. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

### Summary of Water Right Application T033405

#### Type of Temporary Permit: 180-Day

**Date of Filing:** The application was filed with the State Water Board on October 31, 2023.

**Source of Water:** The source of water is the Sacramento River, which is tributary to Suisun Bay.

**Amount:** The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 6,000 acre-feet per year, which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 80 cubic feet per second (cfs).

**Season of Diversion:** The diversion of water would be from December 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

**Point of Diversion (POD):** The application proposes to use one (1) point of diversion, located at California Coordinate System of 1983, California Zone 1, North 1,940,054.03 feet, and East 6,502,708.42 feet, being within NE quarter of NW quarter of Section 33, Township 27N, Range 3W, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

**Purposes of Use:** The purpose of use for diverted water is domestic, irrigation, and incidental fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement.

**Place of Use:** Within a gross area of 46,325 acres with portions of Township 14 North, Range 1 West through Range 3 West; Township 13 North, Range 1 West through Range 3 West; and Township 12 North, Range 2 West; Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, as shown on the maps submitted with this application.

**Location and Type of Infiltration:** Diversions from the Sacramento River at the POD would be conveyed through the Tehama-Colusa Canal (TCC) at Red Bluff towards downstream turnouts. The TCC water would be routed by a combination of lift stations

and gravity flow into Elk Creek and Salt Creek, where water would percolate along the length of these creeks before they converge with Colusa Basin Drain.

**Use Accounting:** The Applicant proposes to use the “last in, first out” accounting methodology described by the State Water Resources Control Board on their website for temporary water right permits for groundwater recharge. Under this methodology, the water diverted at the POD would be considered the last groundwater to enter the aquifer. When the production wells are turned on in the next irrigated season, the groundwater stored under this project would be the first extracted out of the aquifer.

## **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 1425, 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 December 12, 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 for 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](mailto:Julian.storelli@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 323-0064 (email is the preferred means of communication). Written correspondence should be addressed to: State

WaterResources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Julian Storelli,  
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

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

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California 95932 or [cthomaskeefe@rgs.ca.gov](mailto:cthomaskeefe@rgs.ca.gov)

**Date of Notice:** The date that this public notice was issued is **November 08, 2023**