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**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE
OF SPECIFIC WATER RIGHT PERMITS FOR THE
STATE WATER PROJECT AND CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT
FILED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
AND THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
FOR THE CALIFORNIA WATERFIX PROJECT
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE
TO CONSIDER THE ABOVE PETITION**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) filed a joint Petition for Change ("Petition") on August 26, 2015, and an addendum and errata to the Petition on September 16, 2015, with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division), pursuant to California Water Code section 1701. In the Petition, DWR and Reclamation request to add three new points of diversion (PODs) and/or points of rediversion (PORDs) to 4 DWR and 11 Reclamation water right permits for the State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP), respectively. If approved by the State Water Board, the new PODs/PORDs would authorize DWR and Reclamation to divert water from the Sacramento River near Courtland and route it through two tunnels underneath the Delta to the SWP and CVP pumping facilities near Tracy. This project is referred to as the California WaterFix Project.

Specifically, the Petition seeks to change Water Right Permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482 (Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512, respectively) of DWR for the SWP; and Water Right Permits 11315, 11316, 11967, 11968, 11969, 11971, 11973, 12364, 12721, 12722, and 12723 (Applications 13370, 13371, 5628, 15374, 15375, 16767, 17374, 17376, 5626, 9363, and 9364, respectively) of Reclamation for the CVP.

The counties that could be affected by the Petition are: Alameda, Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Merced, Napa, Orange, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Ventura, Yolo, and Yuba. These are the counties in which the DWR and Reclamation operate the SWP and CVP, respectively.

On October 30, 2015, the State Water Board issued a combined notice of the Petition; and notice of an evidentiary hearing to consider the Petition and pre-hearing conference to organize the conduct of the hearing (combined Notice). The purpose of the hearing is to receive evidence relevant to determining whether the State Water Board should approve, subject to terms and conditions, the aforementioned Petition. A quorum of the State Water Board members may be present during the hearing and pre-hearing conference; however, no final Board action will be taken during the hearing or pre-hearing conference.

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The combined Notice includes additional background and project information, including information concerning the relationship between the California WaterFix project and the State Water Board's comprehensive Bay-Delta planning efforts. The combined Notice also describes how to protest the Petition and/or participate in the evidentiary hearing, lists hearing dates, identifies hearing rooms, and establishes due dates for submittals associated with the Petition and hearing for those who wish to participate. Persons wishing to protest the Petition and/or participate in the hearing must file a Notice of Intent to Appear pursuant to the requirements of the combined Notice by 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 5, 2016. The State Water Board will hold the pre-hearing conference on January 28 and, if necessary, January 29, 2016, and will commence the evidentiary hearing on the Petition on April 7, 2016, with multiple hearing dates thereafter. The hearing and pre-hearing conference will commence at 9:00 am in the Byron Sher Auditorium of the Joe Serna Jr. Cal EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The combined Notice and other related information, including the Petition, may be viewed and downloaded at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfix/

To receive email notifications regarding the hearing concerning this Petition and related announcements regarding the California WaterFix Project, please subscribe to the State Water Board's "California WaterFix" email subscription list, under the "Water Rights" title bar at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

For further information on the State Water Board's comprehensive Bay-Delta planning efforts, please visit the State Water Board's Bay-Delta Program webpage at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/

Questions concerning this notice and non-controversial procedural questions regarding the Petition, hearing, or pre-hearing conference may be directed to the Division's California WaterFix hearing team at (916) 319-0960 or by email at CWFhearing@waterboards.ca.gov.

DATE OF NOTICE: October 30, 2015