

State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Water Right Application T033366

Kern Water Bank 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 Kern and Kings counties and would involve diversion of water from the Kern River stream system. The Applicant requests authorization to appropriate surface water for underground storage as described below.

Summary of Water Right Application T033366

Type of Temporary Permit: 180-Day

Date of Filing: The application was filed with the State Water Board on April 13, 2023.

Source of Water: The source of water is Kern River, which is tributary to Tulare Lake.

Amount: The maximum amount of water requested for diversion is 300,000 acre-feet per year, which would be diverted at a rate not to exceed 900 cubic feet per second.

Season of Diversion: The season for diversion of water would be from May 1, 2023 to October 27, 2023.

Points of Diversion (POD)/Rediversion (PORD): Water would be diverted at 15 PODs located along the Kern River and rediverted at up to 60 PORDs along the California Aqueduct, in Kern and Kings counties. Detailed locations of proposed diversions are contained in the application posted in eWRIMS on pages 23-30. See details below for eWRIMS access information.

Purposes of Use: The purposes of use for water are Municipal, Irrigation, and Industrial.

Place of Use: The places of use for water include 757,800 acres within Kern Water Bank and the Kern Water Bank participants' service areas located in the Kern County, Westside, Tule, and Tulare Lake Sub-basins.

Location and Type of Infiltration: The Kern Water Bank storage facilities include 89 shallow recharge basins of approximately 8,800 acres in area and 91 recovery wells, 36 miles of pipeline, a 6-mile-long canal, and 6 pump stations.

Use Accounting: The water diverted under a temporary permit would be extracted in subsequent dry years and used by Kern Water Bank Authority participants for irrigation, municipal, and industrial beneficial uses.

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 May 22, 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 Greg Brown at greg.brown@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 323-7705 (email is the preferred means of communication). Written correspondence should be addressed to: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Greg Brown, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

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

Kern Water Bank Authority, c/o Polly Boissevain, 2020 Research Park Drive, Davis, CA 96618 or pboissevain@westyost.com.

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is April 21, 2023.