

Notice of Availability: Amador Water Agency (AWA) Water Rights Application Environmental Review

The Amador Water Agency (AWA) has filed water right Application 5647X03 with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights (SWRCB), requesting issuance of a water right permit to directly divert up to 1,050 acre-feet per year (AFY) of water from Bear River and North Fork Mokelumne River, and store up to 1,400 AFY in Lower Bear River Reservoir in connection with AWA's Central Amador Water Project (CAWP). The amount taken by direct diversion and rediversion from storage for consumptive uses within the CAWP service area would not exceed 1,050 AFY. The proposed diversions and storage would be accomplished using existing infrastructure, and no construction of new water facility infrastructure would be required. The water sought by AWA's application is presently entitled to Jackson Valley Irrigation District (JVID), and on the basis of a prior SWRCB decision, AWA may request that the water be subtracted from JVID's entitlement and be approved for diversion by AWA. Pursuant to an agreement with JVID, the total amount of water applied for would not be immediately available to AWA if the application were approved, but would revert to AWA over time as the water is needed to serve demand within the CAWP service area. The project would change the point from where the water is diverted by JVID, but would not affect requirements to maintain minimum flows in the Mokelumne River. The Draft EIR has been issued and is available on the AWA website (www.amadorwater.org). AWA will accept comments on the Draft EIR at their regular Board Meeting on May 25, and will accept written comments up to 5:00 on Friday, June 16, 2017.

Draft EIR Meeting:

May 25, 9:00AM at Amador Water Agency, 12800 Ridge Road, Sutter Creek

Submit Written Comments to:

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