

SOUTH FEATHER WATER & POWER AGENCY



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Today the State Water Resources Control Board published a Notice of Petition for Temporary Change in water right terms requested by South Feather Water and Power Agency. If approved by the State Water Board, the Petition would allow for the temporary (2021 only) transfer of up to 8,000 acre-feet of water to Santa Clara Valley Water District. The transfer of this water would not impact any of South Feather's other obligations, including ongoing water deliveries to customers and hydro-electric generation.

California is currently experiencing extreme dry hydrologic conditions, with 2021 the driest year on record since 1977. This extreme dry year follows dry conditions in 2020. On April 21, 2021 Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties due to drought conditions in those counties. On May 10, 2021 Governor Newsom extended the state of emergency to include 41 counties, including Butte County and Santa Clara County, the location of the water transfer purchaser, Santa Clara Valley Water District. Also included in Governor Newsom's May 10th emergency proclamation is an order to the State Water Board to expeditiously consider requests to move water via voluntary water transfers. South Feather's proposed transfer falls under this language in the proclamation.

South Feather Water and Power Agency is fortunate, despite extreme dry conditions, to have adequate water supplies currently in storage to meet all customer demands and other obligations, while also providing essential water transfer supplies to Santa Clara Valley Water District. The proposed transfer to Santa Clara Valley Water District will not impact ongoing water deliveries. Also, South Feather has analyzed the proposed transfer and concluded there are no other impacts from the proposed transfer, including unreasonable impacts to fish and wildlife and impacts to other legal users of water.

Additional information about South Feather's petition is available at the State Water Board's website at www.waterboards.ca.gov or by contacting Rath Moseley, General Manager at PublicRelations@southfeather.com.

Any interested members of the public may file comments regarding South Feather's Petition. Comments should be submitted to the persons listed below and must be received by 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 2021:

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