



Water Rights Change in Point of Diversion Petition Q&A

1 What is a "Change in the Point of Diversion" (CPOD) petition?

As an existing water right holder DWR may file a petition to change the conditions of its water right permit, including a change in the location of where the water is collected, or the "point of diversion." To do this, DWR must file a petition with the California State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board"), which it has now done.

2 If the CPOD petition is granted, would it create a new water right?

No; if the CPOD petition is granted, it would not create a new water right.

3 If the CPOD petition is granted, would it change the existing maximum permitted diversion amount?

No; if the CPOD petition is granted, it would not change the maximum permitted diversion amount under existing DWR water right permits.

4 How is the CPOD process related to the State Water Board's Water Quality Control Plan Update?

The petition is unrelated to updates to the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta) Water Quality Control Plan, which is being addressed in a separate process.

5 What is the State Water Board's process to evaluate the CPOD petition?

Now that the CPOD petition has been submitted, the State Water Board will notify DWR and the public about their process and the timing and opportunities for public review and involvement, including an opportunity to "protest" the petition. DWR will be asked to collaborate with any protestants to work together to resolve concerns. Once this process concludes, the State Water Board will hold public hearings. The State Water Board will consider the petition in the context of other legal users of water (including water rights holders) and potential impacts to fish and wildlife.

6 What is included in DWR's CPOD petition?

The CPOD petition includes two parts. The first part is two standard forms required by the State Water Board that include, among other things, a description of the change being requested. The second part is "Supplemental Information" that provides background about the project and greater detail about the need for the proposed change in the point of diversion. The complete petition submitted to the State Board can be accessed [here](#).

