



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
THE RESOURCES AGENCY
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

License for Diversion and Use of Water

APPLICATION 11688

PERMIT 7263

LICENSE 10120

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 3737, PORTLAND, OREGON 97208

HAS made proof as of AUGUST 19, 1970 (the date of inspection)
to the satisfaction of the State Water Resources Control Board of a right to the use of the water of
SALT SLOUGH IN MERCED COUNTY

tributary to SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

RECREATIONAL, WILDLIFE PROPAGATION,
for the purpose of IRRIGATION, DOMESTIC, STOCKWATERING, AND FISH CULTURE USES
under Permit 7263 of the Board and that the right to the use of this water has been perfected
in accordance with the laws of California, the Regulations of the Board and the permit terms; that the
priority of this right dates from JANUARY 8, 1947 and that the amount of water to which
this right is entitled and hereby confirmed is limited to the amount actually beneficially used for the stated
purposes and shall not exceed TWENTY AND TWO-TENTHS (20.2) CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, TO
BE DIVERTED FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR. SO LONG AS THERE IS
NO INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER RIGHTS, JUNIOR, AS WELL AS SENIOR, LICENSEE MAY
INCREASE HIS RATE OF DIVERSION TO A MAXIMUM OF 51.7 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND;
PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL QUANTITY DIVERTED IN ANY 30-DAY PERIOD DOES NOT EXCEED
1,212 ACRE-FEET. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT DIVERTED UNDER THIS LICENSE SHALL NOT
EXCEED 6,060 ACRE-FEET PER YEAR.

THE POINTS OF DIVERSION OF SUCH WATER ARE LOCATED:

- (1) NORTH 80° 00' EAST 250 FEET FROM SW CORNER OF SECTION 6, T9S, R11E, MDB&M,
BEING WITHIN SW1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 6 AND
- (2) SOUTH 62° 14' EAST 398 FEET FROM NW CORNER OF SECTION 25, T8S, R10E, MDB&M,
BEING WITHIN NW1/4 OF NW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 25.

A DESCRIPTION OF LANDS OR THE PLACE WHERE
SUCH WATER IS PUT TO BENEFICIAL USE IS AS FOLLOWS:

IRRIGATION OF 1,622.7 ACRES WITHIN A PORTION OF RANCHO SAN JON DE SANTA RITA
LYING BETWEEN SALT SLOUGH AND THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, BEING WITHIN PROJECTED
PORTIONS OF T8S, R10E AND T8S, R11E, MDB&M, AS SHOWN ON MAP FILED WITH STATE
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD.

Licensee shall allow representatives of the Board and other parties, as may be authorized from time to time by the Board, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this license.

All rights and privileges under this license, including method of diversion, method of use and quantity of water diverted are subject to the continuing authority of the Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

~~This continuing authority of the Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this license with respect to minimizing waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of licensees without unreasonable draft on the source. Licensee may be required to implement such programs as (1) rearing and reclaiming the water allocated, (2) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural water use, (3) reducing evaporation losses from water surfaces, (4) controlling phytoplankton growth, and (5) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this license and to determine accurately water use against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.~~

Reports shall be filed promptly by licensee on appropriate forms which will be provided for the purpose from time to time by the Board.

The right hereby confirmed to the diversion and use of water is restricted to the point or points of diversion herein specified and to the lands or place of use herein described.

This license is granted and licensee accepts all rights herein confirmed subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:

Section 1625. Each license shall be in such form and contain such terms as may be prescribed by the Board.

Section 1626. All licenses shall be under the terms and conditions of this division (of the Water Code).

Section 1627. A license shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code) but no longer.

Section 1628. Every license shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a license is issued takes the license subject to the conditions therein expressed.

Section 1629. Every licensee, if he accepts a license does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any license granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any licensee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any licensee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

Section 1630. At any time after the expiration of twenty years after the granting of a license, the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State shall have the right to purchase the works and property occupied and used under the license and the works built or constructed for the enjoyment of the rights granted under the license.

Section 1631. In the event that the State, or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or political subdivision of the State so desiring to purchase and the owner of the works and property cannot agree upon the purchase price, the price shall be determined in such manner as is now or may hereafter be provided by law for determining the value of property taken in eminent domain proceedings.

Dated: MAY 15 1973

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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