

Petition Processing Summary

In early 2020, the State Water Board's Division of Water Rights Petition Program released a new compilation of data called the **Petition Processing Summary**, to provide status updates on pending water right petitions. Please note that this is a new dataset that may have gaps and will continue to be refined. Most status dates have not yet been added, but will be over time. If you believe you have identified an error, please contact Samuel.Boland-Brien@waterboards.ca.gov. The following information is shown in the summary:

- **Petition#**
This is the project identifier used by the Division of Water Rights (format: A0XXXXXP0XXXXX).
- **Primary Owner**
The name of primary party that is seeking the water right petition.
- **Watershed Name (HUC8)**
This gives a general indication of the geographic area of the project, using the United States Geological Survey hydrologic unit code (HUC) system. HUC8 maps the subbasin level, analogous to medium-sized river basins.
- **Staff Contact**
The name of the assigned lead staff person for the petition. Please call (916) 341-5300 if you would like to contact Division staff.
- **Petition Status.** The overall status is designated as:
 - Active (in processing, not on hold);
 - Hold (B) – on hold per request of the Board;
 - Hold (P) – on hold per request of petitioner;
 - Hold (R) – on hold due to lack of Board staff resources;
 - Hearing – petition has been referred to or commenced a hearing process.
- **Date Received**
This was the date the petition was received by the Division of Water Rights.
- Information on **Initial Review; Public Notice; Protest Resolution; Hydrologic Analysis; and Public Trust** processing milestones. Status options consist of:
 - Not Started;
 - Active (B) – the Process is with the Board staff for action;
 - Active (P or Pet) – the Process is with the Petitioner for action;
 - Active (Prot) – the process is waiting for protestants;
 - Not Applicable – certain milestones may not be applicable, such as noticing; or
 - Completed.
- **CEQA processing milestones.** This category includes processing under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including:
 - **CEQA Lead** includes:
 - Petitioner; Board; or Other.
 - **CEQA Process** includes:
 - Not Determined (where the CEQA pathway has not yet been determined, or project has changed, and pathway needs to be re-

- evaluated);
 - Environmental Document (such as Initial Study/Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report);
 - Exemption (where a preliminary determination by board staff is that an exemption may be appropriate, note that final board decision on exemption occurs at time of petition approval).
- **CEQA Status** includes:
 - Not Started;
 - Active (B) – the Process is with the Board staff for action;
 - Active (P) - the Process is with the Petitioner for action; or
 - Completed.
- **Final Decision milestone** includes:
 - Not Started;
 - Active (B) – the Process is with the Board staff for action; or
 - Active (P) - the Process is with the Petitioner for action.

For more information on these milestones, please see the overview of the petition process on the [Petitions](#) website. Water right petitions typically take many years to complete. Certain milestones, such as consideration of Public Trust resources, may occur throughout the petition process, rather than as a discrete milestone. In general, efforts to consider public trust intensify in synch with hydrologic analysis and preparation of the CEQA environmental document, if applicable.

While this Summary attempts to assess status accurately, parties should be aware that milestones marked as complete may require additional efforts prior to final action. For example, the underlying assumptions in the analysis may change; new methodologies may be required, such as in a Policy or by law or regulation; and/or a project petitioner may modify their project such that the existing documentation no longer accurately reflects the project requested.

To clarify, Final Decision does not indicate final action has been taken, rather that the project is at the final stage of processing. This generally commences when all other process categories are completed or are near completion. Note that there is no option for 'Completed', as the petition will be removed from the petition processing summary management report once the Final Decision process is completed (e.g. petition process is completed).

The Summary shows a snapshot of project status on the date the assigned staff conducted his or her update. Project status is constantly changing. The Board anticipates updating the Tracker several times per year.

To find out more about the petition process, please review the [Petitions](#) website.