



Action Item 14:

CONSIDER WRITTEN RESPONSE TO
STATE REGARDING WATER RIGHT 20808
A, B AND C

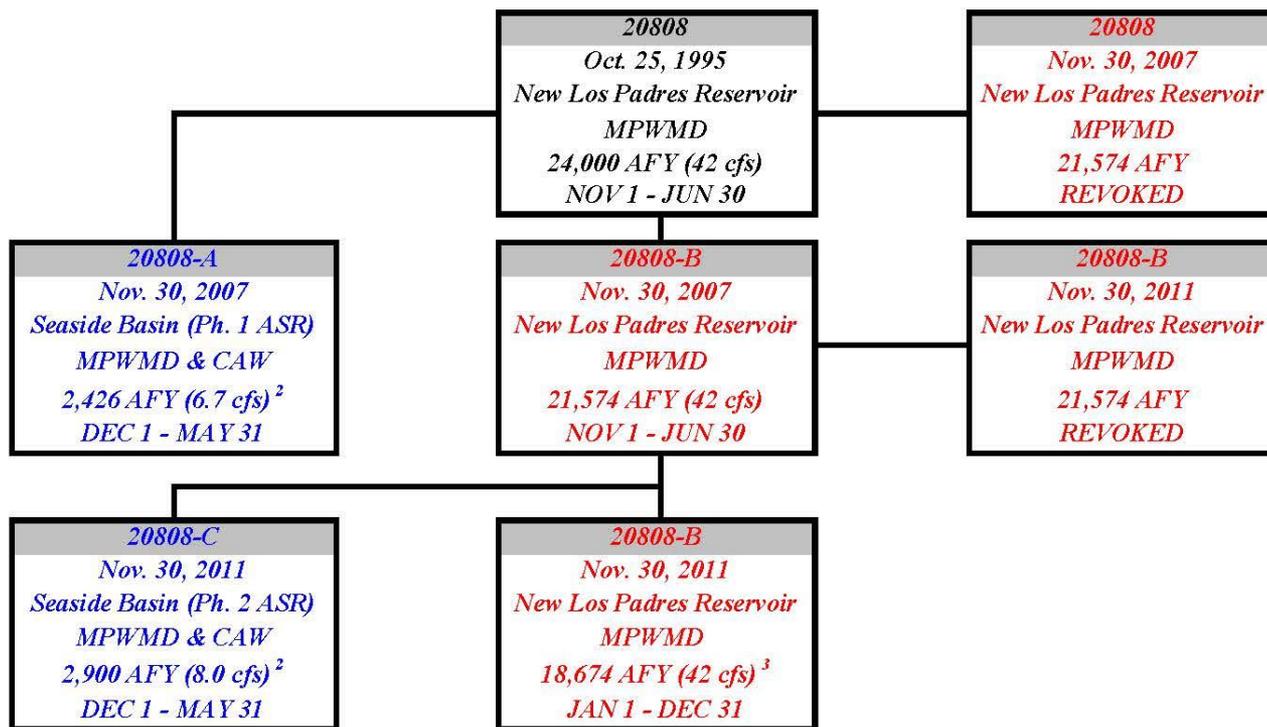
Meeting Date: April 20, 2020

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History of 20808 Water Rights

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Genealogy of Water Right Permit 20808 Carmel River



20808 Water Right

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- A vertical photograph on the left side of the slide shows a river flowing over rocks, with water splashing and creating white foam.
- December 1, 2020 the period to demonstrate beneficial use of water diverted under these permits expires.
 - March 4, 2020 Letter from State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) – Asking what the District is planning for 20808B.
 - On 3/24/20 District staff and SWRCB staff had a conference call to chart a path forward for the water rights

Outcome of Meeting with SWRCB

- 20808 A and C SWRCB staff recommended the District begin the licensing process and make a case for more water than the highest annual volume based on a streamflow analysis to see how much the draft licensed amounts were. If at that point the District chooses to not accept the draft annual volumes, the District can file another petition for extension of time to demonstrate beneficial use.
- 20808 B SWRCB staff recommended the District file a petition for extension of time to show beneficial use and withdraw the petition for extension of time to construct New Los Padres Dam. Once the District has completed a feasibility analysis and identified viable project(s), a petition for change can be filed to modify the water right to apply to the new application.

Recommendation

- Receive the report on water rights status and direct the General Manager reply to the SWRCB letter with the recommendations from the 3/24/20 call or make different recommendations for the response.
- The Water Supply Planning Committee recommended that the Board direct the General Manager to respond with the recommendations from the 3/24/20 call.