



Yosemite National Park

Docket Number: 29

CHILNUALNA CREEK

Preliminary Docket Information

DOCKET INFORMATION FORM

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 Initial Docket Information Form ☒ Amendment # (1,2,3 ...)
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Park Unit: YOSE Docket #: 029 Docket Title Chilnualna Creek

Docket Type:

Select all applicable: ☐ PC/V (pre-code/vested) ☒ APP (appropriative) ☐ RIP (riparian)
☐ FRR (federal reserved right) ☐ PWR (public water reserve) ☐ ACQ (acquired)
☐ GW (groundwater) ☐ Own (ownership) ☐ Other

Region:

☐ NER & NCR ☐ IMR
☐ SER ☐ MWR
☐ IMR ☒ PWR
☐ AKR

Source:

☐ Groundwater ☐ Spring (When recognized by the State as separate from groundwater and surface water)
☒ Surface Water
☐ Direct Diversion ☐ Diversion to Storage ☐ Instream Flow
 Name: Chilnualna Creek

State: CA

County: Mariposa

Owner: US National Park Service (As listed by the State)

Application #: Date:

Permit #: Date Issued:

License / Certificate #: Priority Date:

Ruling/Order/Decree #: Date Issued:

Quantity: Rate: 40 Duty:
 Units: ☒ cfs ☐ gpm ☐ afy ☐ other Units: ☐ cfs ☐ gpm ☐ afy ☐ other

Use(s): ☒ Domestic ☐ Livestock ☒ Irrigation ☐ Municipal ☐ Industrial/Commercial ☐ Wildlife ☐ Instream ☒ other Power, Recreation

POD Name / Location: ☐ Multiple PODs (see water right)

Qtr: Qtr: Sec: 35 T: 4 S R: 21 E PM:

Latitude: Longitude:

UTM , Datum:

POU Name / Location: ☐ Multiple POU's (see water right)

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Narrative / Remarks: Enter short narrative in the space below, attach additional page(s) as needed.

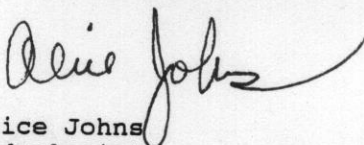
NOTES TO THE FILE

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Docket 003 Washburn Ditch, Wawona
Docket 026 Rush Creek, Wawona
Docket 027 Alder Creek, Wawona
Docket 028 Big Creek, Wawona
Docket 029 Chilnualna Creek, Wawona

July 3, 1996

The primary water supply for Wawona is from the South Fork Merced River, via pipeline. Pre-1914 appropriative rights may apply to the NPS's current diversion. These are documented in YOSE Docket 003. The NPS may or may not have acquired additional appropriative rights in the Wawona area. These are documented in YOSE Dockets 26-29. Papers common to Dockets 003 and 026-029 are filed in Docket 003.



Alice Johns
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Water Resources Division

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State Water Rights Documentation

January 3, 1950

Statement Relating to Water Rights on
Chilnualna Creek

On a conducted inspection of the Wawona area, in 1947, I was shown no ditch on Chilnualna Creek which could in any way be construed to divert water to the Wawona Hotel Area now owned by the United States. If Mr. Washburn diverted this stream for his purposes about 1903, the diversion was later abandoned unless it was acquired and modified by the owner of what is now the Chilnualna Villa Home Sites subdivision.

(SGD.) A. VAN V. DUNN.

A. van V. Dunn
Chief, Water Resources Branch

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Notice of Appropriation of Water

The Undersigned Hereby Gives Notice to all Whom it May Concern:

1. That I claim the water flowing here in the Chilnualna Creek to the extent of 40 cu. ft. per second.

2. That the purposes for which I claim it are (a) for irrigation, and all household and domestic purposes and for electrical appliances and for all power purposes and public uses, and the place of intended use of said water is at Wawona and at points on the South fork of Merced River as far down as Big Creek in the County of Mariposa, State of California.

3. That I intend to divert it by flumes, pipes, ditches and aqueducts and the size of same will be of sufficient capacity to divert and conduct said water.

This notice is posted on a pine tree marked thus x near the point of diversion, on the North line of Section 35, Twp. 4. S, R. 21 E. M.D.B. & M.

John S. Washburn,
Claimant.

Dated July 17th, 1903.

State of California)
County of Mariposa) ss

John S. Washburn, being duly sworn, says I am a white male citizen of the United States and of the State of California, and am over the age of twenty-one years. On the 17th day of July 1903, I posted in a conspicuous place on a pine tree marked thus "x" on the bank (West) of the Chilnualna Creek, to wit: at the point of diversion mentioned in the notice attached hereto, a true copy of said notice.

John S. Washburn.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 17th day of July 1903.

B. M. Leitch.

Justice of the Peace Twp. 5, Mariposa County, State of California

Filed for Record at the Request of John S. Washburn,

July 22 A. D. 1903 at 6 min. past 9 o'clock A.M.

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