

Examples of Bulges in a System



Restrictions on Bulges

A bulge in the system is an off-channel temporary storage facility or holding area that is not associated with a storage water right. Bulges, or BIS's, are intended to address irrigation and agricultural system needs while allowing the water user to stay within the terms of their water right. Bulges are not intended to prolong an irrigation season, accommodate year-round storage, be in-channel or capture groundwater. They may not be constructed with a dam or storage volume that would be considered statutory. A statutory dam is one that stores more than 3 million gallons of water or has a dam of 10 feet and greater in height. A bulge may not injure existing water rights, instream rights or wetlands. A bulge should be constructed in a manner that it can easily evacuate the water within and not store water outside of the season of permitted use under the right.