

Agenda of: April 25, 2019

Staff: Noah R. Triplett

STAFF REPORT –

**APPLICATION FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF
RIVER USE PERMIT #59 and #60**

APPLICANTS:

Mike Miltner, owner of Tahoe Whitewater Tours, which holds River Use Permit #59 and #60.

REQUEST:

Mike Miltner, owner of Tahoe Whitewater Tours, requests the consolidation of River Use Permit #59 and #60 into a single River Use Permit.

Please refer to the attached letter of intent (Exhibit C).

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends your Commission approve the request by Mike Miltner for the consolidation River Use Permit #59 and #60 into a single River Use Permit.

BACKGROUND:

River Use Permit consolidations by an existing outfitter require one approval by your Commission. With the consolidation of the permits the user days will transfer to a single permit #60. The El Dorado County River Management Plan (RMP) contains Element 6.2.1.4 (Exhibit A), which describes the guidelines and procedures for the transfer and consolidation of River Use Permits.

River Use Permit Status

Tahoe Whitewater Tours is in good standing and has no outstanding fees or unresolved violations.

DISCUSSION:

Consolidation Requirements

The applicant for the consolidation has complied with the requirements for a River Use Permit consolidation found in River Management Plan Element 6.2.1.4.1:

- The owner has signed a letter of intent.
- There are no outstanding debts or violations.
- A payment of a \$150 transfer fee has been paid.

River Use Permit Allocation

The existing user day allocations for River Use Permit #59 and River Use Permit #60 are displayed in the following tables:

Tahoe Whitewater Tours – Permits Pre Consolidation		
River Use Permits	#59	#60
Weekend day user day allocation	16	36
Weekday user day allocation	25	25
Guest allowance (Weekend day)	2	2
Guest allowance (Weekday)	2	2
Memorial Day- Labor Day weekend allocation	n/a	n/a

The consolidation of River Use Permits #59 and #60 results in a single River Use Permit #60.

Tahoe Whitewater Tours – Permit Post Consolidation	
River Use Permit Number	#60
Weekend day user day allocation	52
Weekday user day allocation	50
Guest allowance (Weekend)	4
Guest allowance (Weekday)	4
Memorial Day- Labor Day weekend allocation	n/a

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The consolidation of an El Dorado County River Use Permit is CEQA exempt under Section 15061(b) (3). There is certainty that the consolidations of River Use Permits will not have a significant effect on the environment. A River Use Permit consolidation does not change the allotted amount of river use allowed by the County’s River Management Plan.

FINDINGS:

1. The application for the consolidation of River Use Permit #59 and #60 into a single River Use Permit meets the standards required by River Management Plan Element 6.2.1.4.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Your Commission approves the consolidation of River Use Permit #59 and #60 into a single River Use Permit #60.

ATTACHMENTS

- Exhibit A.....Element 6.2.1.4 from the El Dorado County River Management Plan
- Exhibit BChapter 5.48, Streams and Rivers Commercial Boating Ordinance
- Exhibit CSigned Letter of Intent to the County of El Dorado