
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

Pursuant to Section 21092 – Public Resources Code

The staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has prepared a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration setting forth the findings that the following proposed action will have a less than significant effect on the environment.

Project Title:

Water Right Application A029381 of Treasury Wine Estates

Applicant:

Treasury Wine Estates Americas, 555 Gateway Drive, Napa, CA 94558

Project Location:

The project associated with Application A029381 for Treasury Wine Estates is located immediately south of State Route 128 and approximately 8 miles northwest of the town of Calistoga in Sonoma County, California. This project site is within Township 9N, Range 7W and 8W of the “Mount St. Helena, California” U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.

Project Description:

On December 14, 1988 Treasury Wine Estates filed an application to appropriate water by permit (A029381) with the State Water Board, Division of Water Rights (Division). Application A029381 requests a permit for the diversion to storage of up to 30 acre-feet of water from Redwood Creek, tributary to Maacama Creek thence the Russian River, in Sonoma County. The point of diversion for application A029381 is a Ranney-type collector beneath the invert of Redwood Creek and the place of storage is an offstream reservoir. The appropriated water will be used for irrigation and frost protection of 479 acres of vineyard. The proposed season of diversion is from December 15 of each year to March 31 of the succeeding year.

Project Consideration and Approval:

Prior to approving the project, the Division shall consider the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration together with any comments received during the public review process. The Division shall only approve the proposed project if it finds on the basis of the whole record before it, that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

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Document Availability:

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Initial Study in support of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are available on the Division of Water Rights website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/ceqa/

A hard copy of these documents or additional information concerning the proposed action may be obtained by writing to State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Taylor Kunkel, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, or by email at taylor.kunkel@waterboards.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 327-8594.

Opportunity for Comment:

Persons who disagree with the conclusions set forth in the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration or who disagree with the information contained therein are invited to furnish written comments to Taylor Kunkel at the above mail or email address. The comments should summarize the specific substantive and factual basis for disagreement. The 30-day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration is from August 30, 2023 to September 29, 2023. Comments must be received by **4:30 p.m.** on **September 29, 2023**.