



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

**RIGHT TO DIVERT AND USE WATER**

APPLICATION 30915

PERMIT 21141

LICENSE 13883

Right Holder: James M. Siller  
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Yuba City, CA 95991

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) authorizes the diversion and use of water by the right holder in accordance with the limitations and conditions herein SUBJECT TO PRIOR RIGHTS. The priority of this right dates from **July 1, 1999**. This right is issued in accordance with the State Water Board delegation of authority to the Deputy Director for Water Rights (Resolution 2012-0029) and the Deputy Director for Water Rights redelegation of authority dated July 6, 2012. This right supercedes any previously issued right on **Application 30915**. The right holder has made proof, to the satisfaction of the State Water Board, of the quantities of water put to beneficial use during the authorized development schedule.

**Right holder is hereby granted a right to divert and use water as follows:**

1. Source of water: **Vineyard Creek**  
tributary to: **Dry Creek thence Bear River thence Feather River**  
within the County of **Yuba**

2. Location of points of diversion and places of storage

By California Coordinate System of 1983 in Zone 2	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian
<b>POD 1:</b> North 2,194,644 feet and East 6,752,568 feet	<b>NW ¼ of NE ¼</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15N</b>	<b>6E</b>	<b>MD</b>
<b>POD 2:</b> North 2,196,110 feet and East 6,752,906 feet	<b>NE ¼ of NE ¼</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15N</b>	<b>6E</b>	<b>MD</b>

3. Purpose of use	4. Place of use					
	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres
<b>Aquaculture</b>	<b>Pond 1: NW ¼ of NE ¼</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15N</b>	<b>6E</b>	<b>MD</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Pond 2: NE ¼ of NE ¼</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15N</b>	<b>6E</b>	<b>MD</b>	
<b>Fire Protection</b>	<b>Ponds 1 and 2: NW ¼ of NE ¼ and NE ¼ of NE ¼</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15N</b>	<b>6E</b>	<b>MD</b>	

The place of use is shown on map on file with the State Water Board.

5. The water appropriated shall be limited to the quantity which can be beneficially used and shall not exceed a total of **89 acre-feet per annum** to be collected from December 1 of each year to April 30 of the succeeding year as follows: (1) 49 acre-feet per annum in Reservoir 1, and (2) 40 acre-feet per annum in Reservoir 2. (0000005)
6. The reservoir capacities covered by this license shall not exceed **73 acre-feet** in Reservoir 1 and **67 acre-feet** in Reservoir 2, for a total storage of **123 acre-feet** as documented on surveyed maps dated February 5, 2013. (0360900)
7. This license does not authorize collection of water to storage outside of the specified season to offset evaporation and seepage losses or for any other purpose. (0000051)
8. After the initial filling of the reservoirs, the licensee's right under this license extends only to water necessary to keep the storage reservoirs full by replacing water lost by evaporation and seepage, and to refill if emptied for necessary maintenance or repair. This right shall be exercised only during the authorized diversion season. (0000040)
9. This license is subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Board to reduce the amount of water named in this license upon a finding by the State Water Board that the amount is in excess of that reasonably needed to be held in storage for the authorized uses. No action will be taken by the State Water Board without prior notice to the licensee and an opportunity for hearing. (0000042)
10. Licensee shall maintain in the reservoir a staff gage, satisfactory to the Deputy Director for Water Rights, for the purpose of determining water levels in the reservoir. Licensee shall record the staff gage reading on or about December 1 and April 30 of each year.  
The readings shall be supplied to the State Water Board with the next Report of Licensee by the licensee.  
Licensee shall allow the State Water Board, all successors in interest, or a designated representative, reasonable access to the reservoir for the purpose of verifying staff gage readings and determining water levels in the reservoir. (0070047)  
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11. Licensee shall maintain outlet pipes of adequate capacity in the dams as near as practicable to the bottom of the natural stream channel, or provide other means satisfactory to the Deputy Director for

Water Rights in order that water entering the reservoirs which is not authorized for appropriation under this license may be released.

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12. This license is subject to prior rights. Licensee is put on notice that during some years water will not be available for diversion during portions or all of the season authorized herein. The annual variations in demands and hydrologic conditions in the Sacramento River Basin are such that in any year of water scarcity the season of diversion authorized herein may be reduced or completely eliminated on order of the State Water Board made after notice to interested parties and opportunity for hearing.

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13. The right to use water for fire protection purposes authorized by this license is limited to that amount normally necessary to maintain adequate reserve for fire protection.

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**THIS RIGHT IS ALSO SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- A. Right holder is on notice that: (1) failure to timely commence or complete construction work or beneficial use of water with due diligence, (2) cessation or partial cessation of beneficial use of water, or (3) failure to observe any of the terms or conditions of this right, may be cause for the State Water Board to consider revocation (including partial revocation) of this right. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 850.) (0000016)
- B. Right holder is on notice that when the State Water Board determines that any person is violating, or threatening to violate, any term or condition of a right, the State Water Board may issue an order to that person to cease and desist from that violation. (Wat. Code, § 1831.) (0000017)
- C. Right holder is not authorized to make any modifications to the location of diversion facilities, place of use or purposes of use, or make other changes to the project that do not conform with the terms and conditions of this right, prior to submitting a change petition and obtaining approval of the State Water Board. (0000018)
- D. Right holder shall maintain records of the amount of water diverted and used under this right to enable the State Water Board to determine the amount of water that has been applied to beneficial use pursuant to Water Code section 1605. (0000015)
- E. Right holder shall promptly submit any reports, data, or other information that may reasonably be required by the State Water Board, including but not limited to documentation of water diversion and use under this right and documentation of compliance with the terms and conditions of this right. (0000010)
- F. Right holder shall grant, or secure authorization through right holder's right of access to property owned by another party, the staff of the State Water Board, and any other authorized representatives of the State Water Board the following:
1. Entry upon property where water is being diverted, stored or used under a right issued by the State Water Board or where monitoring, samples and/or records must be collected under the conditions of this right;
  2. Access to copy any records at reasonable times that are kept under the terms and conditions of a right or other order issued by State Water Board;
  3. Access to inspect at reasonable times any project covered by a right issued by the State Water Board, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated by or required under this right; and,
  4. Access to photograph, sample, measure, and monitor at reasonable times for the purpose of ensuring compliance with a right or other order issued by State Water Board, or as otherwise authorized by the Water Code. (0000011)
- G. This right shall not be construed as conferring right of access to any lands or facilities not owned by right holder. (0000022)

- H. All rights are issued subject to available flows. Inasmuch as the source contains treated wastewater, imported water from another stream system, or return flow from other projects, there is no guarantee that such supply will continue. (0000025)
- I. This right does not authorize diversion of water dedicated by other right holders under a senior right for purposes of preserving or enhancing wetlands, habitat, fish and wildlife resources, or recreation in, or on, the water. (Wat. Code, § 1707.) The Division of Water Rights maintains information about these dedications. It is right holders' responsibility to be aware of any dedications that may preclude diversion under this right. (0000212)
- J. No water shall be diverted or used under this right, and no construction related to such diversion shall commence, unless right holder has obtained and is in compliance with all necessary permits or other approvals required by other agencies. If an amended right is issued, no new facilities shall be utilized, nor shall the amount of water diverted or used increase beyond the maximum amount diverted or used during the previously authorized development schedule, unless right holder has obtained and is in compliance with all necessary requirements, including but not limited to the permits and approvals listed in this term.
- If construction or rehabilitation work is required for the diversion works covered by this right, right holder shall prepare and submit to the Division of Water Rights a list of, or provide information that shows proof of attempts to solicit information regarding the need for, permits or approvals that may be required for the project. At a minimum, right holder shall provide a list or other information pertaining to whether any of the following permits or approvals are required: (1) lake or streambed alteration agreement with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Fish & G. Code, § 1600 et seq.); (2) Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams approval (Wat. Code, § 6002); (3) Regional Water Quality Control Board Waste Discharge Requirements (Wat. Code, § 13260 et seq.); (4) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act section 404 permit (33 U.S.C. § 1344); and (5) local grading permits.
- Right holder shall, within 30 days of issuance of any permits, approvals or waivers, transmit copies to the Division of Water Rights. (0000203)
- K. Urban water suppliers must comply with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Wat. Code, § 10610 et seq.). An "urban water supplier" means a supplier, either publicly or privately owned, providing water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually.
- Agricultural water users and suppliers must comply with the Agricultural Water Management Planning Act (Act) (Water Code, § 10800 et seq.). Agricultural water users applying for a permit from the State Water Board are required to develop and implement water conservation plans in accordance with the Act. An "agricultural water supplier" means a supplier, either publicly or privately owned, supplying more than 50,000 acre-feet of water annually for agricultural purposes. An agricultural water supplier includes a supplier or contractor for water, regardless of the basis of right, which distributes or sells for ultimate resale to customers. (0000029D)
- L. Pursuant to Water Code sections 100 and 275 and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this right, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the State Water Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this right with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of right holder without unreasonable draft on the source. Right holder may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this right and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the State Water Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.

The continuing authority of the State Water Board also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by right holder in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the State Water Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution, article X, section 2; is consistent with the public interest; and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

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M. The quantity of water diverted under this right is subject to modification by the State Water Board if, after notice to right holder and an opportunity for hearing, the State Water Board finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the State Water Board finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.

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N. This right does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a candidate, threatened or endangered species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish & G. Code, § 2050 et seq.) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.). If a "take" will result from any act authorized under this right, right holder shall obtain any required authorization for an incidental take prior to construction or operation of the project. Right holder shall be responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act for the project authorized under this right.

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*Section 1629. Every licensee, if he accepts a license, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefore shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any license granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any licensee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any licensee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).*

*Section 1630. At any time after the expiration of twenty years after the granting of a license, the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State shall have the right to purchase the works and property occupied and used under the license and the works built or constructed for the enjoyment of the rights granted under the license.*

*Section 1631. In the event that the State, or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or political subdivision of the State so desiring to purchase and the owner of the works and property cannot agree upon the purchase price, the price shall be determined in such manner as is now or may hereafter be provided by law for determining the value of property taken in eminent domain proceedings.*

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Dated: FEB 25 2014