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SECRETARY FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

**State Water Resources Control Board**

**MAY 12 2016**

In Reply Refer to:  
CA: A021605 & A025227

Laura Brandon  
11466 Boessow Road  
Galt, CA 95632-8328

Dear Ms. Brandon:

**ORDER REVOKING LICENSES 9817 & 12489 (APPLICATIONS 21605 & 25227), UNNAMED SLOUGH IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) has received Laura Brandon's requests for revocation of Licenses 9817 and 12489, dated February 8, 2016. By requesting revocation of Licenses 9817 and 12489, you waive your right to the hearing and notice requirements set forth in California Water Code sections 1675 and 1675.1. Accordingly, enclosed are the Orders revoking Licenses 9817 and 12489.

It is your responsibility to remove or modify diversion works and impoundments to ensure that water subject to this revocation is not diverted and used. Unauthorized diversion and use of water is considered a trespass and is subject to enforcement action under California Water Code sections 1052 and 1831. Pursuant to California Water Code section 1052, any diversion of water from the point of diversion identified in this license may be subject to Administrative Civil Liability of up to \$500 per day without further notice. The State Water Board also may issue a Cease and Desist Order in response to an unauthorized diversion or threatened unauthorized diversion, pursuant to California Water Code section 1831.

Before initiating any work in a stream channel, you should consult with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Regional Water Quality Control Board to ensure that removal of project facilities does not adversely affect a fishery or result in unregulated sediment discharge to a waterway. These agencies may require a permit or other approval prior to any construction activity.

Some diverters claim rights to divert independent of a permit, license, registration, or certification issued by the State Water Board, such as diversions under riparian or pre-1914 rights. With limited exceptions, California Water Code section 5101 requires that a Statement of Water Diversion and Use (Statement) be filed for these diversions. California Water Code section 5107 (c)(1) provides that the State Water Board may impose a civil liability of \$1,000, plus \$500 per day for each additional day on which the violation continues if the person fails to file a Statement within 30 days after the State Water Board has called the violation to the attention of that person.

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These penalties are in addition to any penalties that may be imposed if the diverter does not hold a valid right or diverts in excess of what is authorized under that right. This letter serves as your notice of the Statement requirement and potential penalty.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chuck Arnold, who is currently assigned to process your revocation, at (916) 341-5634 or by e-mail at [Chuck.Arnold@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Chuck.Arnold@waterboards.ca.gov). Written requests for reinstatement should be mailed to: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Chuck Arnold P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Sincerely,



Brian Coats, Supervisor  
Watershed Use Evaluation Unit  
Division of Water Rights

Enclosure:

- Orders Revoking Licenses

cc: Sacramento County Recorder  
P.O. Box 839  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0839

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Dept. of Fish and Wildlife  
North Central Region  
1701 Nimbus Road  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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

**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

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In the Matter of License 12489 (Application 25227)

**Laura Brandon**

**ORDER REVOKING LICENSE**

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SOURCE: Unnamed Slough

COUNTY: Sacramento

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**WHEREAS:**

1. License 12489 was issued to Copperwood Ranches, Inc. on February 23, 1990 pursuant to Application 25227, and was filed with the County Recorder of Sacramento County on March 7, 1990 in Book 1990030, in pages 838-840.
2. License 12489 subsequently was assigned to Laura Brandon on February 1, 2008.
3. Laura Brandon requested on February 8, 2016, that the license be revoked by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division).
4. The Division interprets the licensee's request for revocation as a waiver of the notice and hearing requirements set forth in California Water Code sections 1675 through 1675.1.
5. The State Water Board has delegated the authority to revoke water rights to the Deputy Director for the Division, pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-0029. The Deputy Director has redelegated this authority to the Assistant Deputy Directors, Program Managers, and Unit Seniors, pursuant to redelegation Order dated July 6, 2012.

**Therefore, it is ordered** that License 12489 is hereby revoked by the State Water Board, and the water is declared to be subject to appropriation. This revocation may not result in additional water being available for new appropriations if there are applicable restrictions due to past State Water Board decisions regarding water availability.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD



*Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director  
Division of Water Rights*

Dated: **MAY 12 2016**



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DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

## License for Diversion and Use of Water

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APPLICATION 25227

PERMIT 17364

LICENSE **12489**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That

*Copperwood Ranches, Inc.*  
11466 Boessow Road  
Galt, CA 95632

has made proof as of **November 17, 1987** (the date of inspection)  
to the satisfaction of the State Water Resources Control Board of a right to the use of the water of  
an Unnamed Slough in Sacramento County

tributary to **Dry Creek thence Mokelumne Creek thence San Joaquin River**

for the purpose of **Stockwatering, Recreational, and Fire Protection uses**

under Permit **17364** of the Board and that the right to the use of this water has been perfected  
in accordance with the laws of California, the Regulations of the Board and the permit terms; that the  
priority of this right dates from **January 3, 1977** and that the amount of water to which  
this right is entitled and hereby confirmed is limited to the amount actually beneficially used for the stated  
purposes and shall not exceed **eight (8) acre-feet per annum to be collected from November 1 of each year to  
April 15 of the succeeding year.**

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. (0000005)

After the initial filling of the reservoir, licensee's right under this license extends only to water necessary  
to keep the storage reservoir full by replacing water beneficially used and water lost by evaporation and  
seepage, and to refill if emptied for necessary maintenance or repair. (0000041)

**THE POINT OF DIVERSION OF SUCH WATER IS LOCATED:**

North 1,950 feet and East 1,150 feet from SW corner of Section 30, T5N, R7E, MDB&M, being within NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
said Section 30.

**A DESCRIPTION OF THE LANDS OR THE PLACE WHERE  
SUCH WATER IS PUT TO BENEFICIAL USE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

At reservoir within NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, T5N, R7E, MDB&M, as shown on map on file with State Water  
Resources Control Board.

Licensee shall allow representatives of the State Water Resources Control Board and other parties as may be authorized from time to time by said Board, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this license.

The quantity of water diverted under this license is subject to modification by the Board if, after notice to the licensee and an opportunity for hearing, the 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 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.

Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 100 and 275 and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this license, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of the 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.

This continuing authority of the Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this license with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of licensee without unreasonable draft on the source. Licensee 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 license 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 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 Board also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the licensee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Sec. 2; is consistent with the public interest and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

Reports shall be filed promptly by licensee on appropriate forms which will be provided for the purpose from time to time by the Board.

The right hereby confirmed to the diversion and use of water is restricted to the point or points of diversion herein specified and to the lands or place of use herein described.

This license is granted and licensee accepts all rights herein confirmed subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:

Section 1625. Each license shall be in such form and contain such terms as may be prescribed by the Board.

Section 1626. All licenses shall be under the terms and conditions of this division (of the Water Code).

Section 1627. A license shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code) but no longer.

Section 1628. Every license shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a license is issued takes the license subject to the conditions therein expressed.

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 therefor 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.

Dated: **FEBRUARY 23 1990**

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

*Roger Johnson*  
for Chief, Division of Water Rights

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