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NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS TO APPROPRIATE WATER BY PERMIT

APPLICATIONS: 31508, 31509, 31510, 31511, 31515, and 31516
DATES FILED: May 10, 2004 (Applications 31508, 31509, 31510, and 31511)
June 3, 2004 (Applications 31515 and 31516)
COUNTY: Sonoma
STREAM SYSTEM: Russian River

Notice is hereby given that Seghesio Farms, Inc. has filed six applications for water right permits. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will determine whether water right permits should be issued for the applications and, if so, whether conditions are needed in the permits to protect the environment, the public interest, and downstream water users. This notice provides a description of the proposed projects and also describes the procedure and time frame for submittal of protests against the applications. This notice may be viewed at the Division of Water Rights' (Division) website at www.waterrights.ca.gov. Any correspondence directed to the applicant should be mailed to:

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Summary of Applications

The applicant has filed six applications for diversions from the Russian River. The table below summarizes the filings.

Application No.	Point of Diversion	Purpose Of Use	Season	Quantity - cubic feet per second (cfs)	Maximum Annual Amount (acre-feet annually) (afa)
31508	Well RR1	Irrigation	06/01-10/31	1.1 cfs	50 afa
31508	Well RR2	Irrigation	06/01-10/31	0.9 cfs	36 afa
31508	Well RR3	Domestic	01/01-12/31	0.9 cfs	2 afa
				2.09 cfs	88 afa

31509	Well HRB1	Irrigation	06/01-10/31	0.2 cfs	74 afa
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31509	Well HRB2	Domestic	01/01-12/31	0.1 cfs	4 afa
31509	Well HRB3	Irrigation	06/01-10/31	0.3 cfs	110 afa
31509	Well HRB4	Domestic	01/01-12/31	0.1 cfs	4 afa
31509	Well HRB5	Irrigation	06/01-10/31	0.4 cfs	150 afa
				1.1 cfs	342 afa
31510	Well EL1	Irrigation	06/01-10/31	0.3 cfs	48 afa
31511	Well SL1	Irrigation	06/01-10/31	0.3 cfs	78 afa
31511	Well SL2	Irrigation	06/01-10/31	0.1 cfs	24 afa
31511	Well SL2	Domestic	01/01-12/31	0.1 cfs	2 afa
				0.4 cfs	104 afa
31515	Well RR1	Frost Protection	02/15-06/15	1.1 cfs	12 afa
31516	Well EL1	Frost Protection	02/15-06/15	0.3 cfs	6 afa
TOTAL				5.29 cfs	600 afa

Description of Project (Application 31508 – Ray’s River Ranch)

The applicant seeks a right to continue to divert 2.09 cfs by pumping from three wells constructed in the 1940s that are located approximately 2,000-feet from the Russian River in the alluvial floodplain. Wells one and two are agricultural wells used to irrigate 43 acres of vineyard. Well three is a domestic well for non-vineyard water needs. Water is diverted from Well RR1 via a buried 8-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline 800-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 500 gallons per minute (gpm). Well RR2 diverts water via a 4-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline 800-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 100 gpm. Well RR3 diverts water via a 2-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline 1,000-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 40 gpm. The wells have been operated on the basis of groundwater use claims. However, the applicant has filed this application to the extent the wells may be part of the Russian River subterranean stream. Water is used for the purposes of irrigation and domestic. The project is located approximately 1-¼ miles northeast from Cloverdale.

Summary of Application 31508 (Ray’s River Ranch Vineyard)

County: Sonoma.
 Source: Russian River (subterranean stream).
 Points of
 Diversion: (1) Well RR1 located within the NE¼ of NW¼, section 17,
 (2) Well RR2 located within the NE¼ of NW¼, section 17,
 (3) Well RR3 located with the SW¼ of SE¼, section 8,
 all within T11N, R10W, MDB&M.
 Amount: (1) Well RR1 - 1.1 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of 50 af
 per year.
 (2) Well RR2 - 0 .9 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of 36 afa.
 (3) Well RR3 – 0.1 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of 2 afa.
 The maximum combined direct diversion under this application shall not
 exceed 88 afa.
 Season: June 1 through October 31 (irrigation purposes)
 January 1 through December 31 (domestic purposes).
 Purposes: Irrigation and Domestic.
 Place of Use:

Use Within	Projected Section	Township	Range	B & M	If Irrigated	
					Number of Acres	Presently Cultivated (Y/N)
SW¼ of SE¼	8	11N	10W	MD	3.9	Y
NW¼ of NW¼	17	11N	10W	MD	9.4	Y
NE¼ of NW¼	17	11N	10W	MD	16.5	Y
NW¼ of NE¼	17	11N	10W	MD	12.3	Y
NE¼ of NE¼	17	11N	10W	MD	0.9	Y
TOTAL					43	

Description of Project (Application 31509 – Home Ranch Vineyard)

The applicant seeks a right to continue to divert 1.16 cfs by pumping from five wells constructed in the 1950s located along the Russian River. Wells HRB1, HRB3, and HRB5 are agricultural wells used to irrigate 167 acres of vineyard. Wells HRB2 and HRB5 are domestic wells for non-vineyard water needs. Water is diverted from Well HRB1 via a buried 4-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline 1,200-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 100 gpm. Well HRB2 diverts water via a 2-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline 2,400-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 40 gpm. Well HRB3 diverts water via a 4-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline 4,500-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 150 gpm. Well HRB4 diverts water via a 2-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline 1,000-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 30 gpm. Well HRB5

diverts water via a 6-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline 3,000 feet in length with an estimated capacity of 200 gpm. The wells have been operated on the basis of riparian use claims. Water is used for the purposes of irrigation and domestic. The project is located approximately 1-¼ miles northeast from Cloverdale.

Summary of Application 31509 (Home Ranch Vineyard)

County: Sonoma.
 Source: Russian River (subterranean stream).
 Points of
 Diversion: (1) Well HRB1 located within the SE¼ of SW¼,
 (2-5) Wells HRB2, HRB3, HRB4, & HRB5 located within the SE¼ of SW¼,
 all within section 2, T10N, R10W, MDB&M.
 Amount: (1) Well HRB1 - 0 .22 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of
 74 afa.
 (2) Well HRB2 - 0 .1 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of 4 afa.
 (3) Well HRB3 – 0.33 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of
 110 afa.
 (4) Well HRB4 – 0.1 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of 4 afa.
 (3) Well HRB5 – 0.45 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of
 150 afa.
 The maximum combined direct diversion under this application shall not
 exceed 342 afa.
 Season: Wells HRB1,HRB3, and HRB5 - June 1 through October 31 (irrigation
 purposes).
 Wells HRB2 and HRB4 - January 1 through December 31 (domestic
 purposes).
 Purposes: Irrigation and Domestic

Place of Use:

Use Within	Section	Township	Range	B & M	If Irrigated	
					Number of Acres	Presently Cultivated (Y/N)
SE¼ of SW¼	2	10N	10W	MD	24	Y
SW¼ of SW¼	2	10N	10W	MD	18	Y
SE¼ of SE¼	3	10N	10W	MD	1	Y
SW¼ of SE¼	3	10N	10W	MD	5	Y
NE¼ of NE¼	10	10N	10W	MD	27	Y
NW¼ of NE¼	10	10N	10W	MD	19	Y
SW¼ of NE¼	10	10N	10W	MD	8	Y
SE¼ of NE¼	10	10N	10W	MD	26	Y
SW¼ of NW¼	11	10N	10W	MD	8	Y

Use Within	Section	Township	Range	B & M	If Irrigated	
					Number of Acres	Presently Cultivated (Y/N)
NW¼ of NW¼	11	10N	10W	MD	24	Y
NE¼ of NW¼	11	10N	10W	MD	7	Y
TOTAL					167	

Description of Project (Application 31510 – Ellis Ranch Vineyard)

The applicant seeks a right to continue to divert 0.33 cfs by pumping from a well constructed in the 1970s located along the Russian River. Well EL1 is an agricultural well and water is diverted via a 4-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline approximately 600-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 150 gpm. The well has been operated on the basis of groundwater use. However, the applicant has filed this application to the extent the well may be part of the Russian River subterranean stream. Water is diverted for the purpose of irrigating 24 acres of vineyard. The project is located approximately 1-¼ miles northeast from Cloverdale.

Summary of Application 31510 (Ellis Ranch Vineyard)

County: Sonoma.
 Source: Russian River (subterranean stream).
 Point of Diversion: (1) Well EL1 located within the NW¼ of NE¼, of section 18, T10N, R9W, MDB&M.
 Amount: 0.33 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of 48 afa.
 Season: June 1 through October 31.
 Purpose: Irrigation.
 Place of Use:

Use Within	Section	Township	Range	B & M	If Irrigated	
					Number of Acres	Presently Cultivated (Y/N)
SE¼ of SW¼	7	10N	9W	MD	13	Y
NW¼ of NE¼	18	10N	9W	MD	11	Y
TOTAL					24	

Description of Project (Application 31511 – San Lorenzo Partners)

The applicant seeks a right to continue to divert 0.4 cfs by pumping from two wells

constructed in the 1980s located along the Russian River. Well SL1 is an agricultural well and water is diverted via a 4-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline approximately 2,000-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 120 gpm for irrigation of 51 acres of vineyard. Well SL2 is an agricultural and domestic well and water is diverted via a 2-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline approximately 3,000 in length with an estimated capacity of 40 gpm. The wells have been operated on the basis of riparian claims. The purposes of use include irrigation and domestic. The project is located approximately 1-¼ miles northeast from Cloverdale.

Summary of Application 31511 (San Lorenzo Partners)

County: Sonoma.
 Source: Russian River (subterranean stream).
 Points of Diversion: (1) Well SL1 located within the NW¼ of NW¼, of section 15, and (2) Well SL 2, NE¼ of NE¼ of section 16, both within T9N, R9W, MDB&M.
 Amounts: (1) Well SLI – 0.27 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of 78 afa, and (2) Well SL2 – 0.13 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of 26 afa. Combined maximum amount by direct diversion during any one year shall not exceed 104 afa.
 Season: June 1 through October 31 (irrigation purposes).
 January 1 through December 31 (domestic purposes).
 Purpose: Irrigation and Domestic.

Place of Use:

Use Within	Section	Township	Range	B & M	If Irrigated	
					Number of Acres	Presently Cultivated (Y/N)
NE¼ of SE¼	9	9N	9W	MD	1	Y
SE¼ of SE¼	10	9N	9W	MD	3.6	Y
NW¼ of SW¼	10	9N	9W	MD	12.4	Y
SW¼ of SW¼	10	9N	9W	MD	26.5	Y
NW¼ of NW¼	15	9N	9W	MD	5.8	Y
NE¼ of NE¼	16	9N	9W	MD	1.7	Y
TOTAL					51	

Description of Project (Application 31515 – Ray’s River Ranch Vineyard)

The applicant seeks a right to continue to divert 1.11 cfs by pumping from a well constructed in the 1940s located along the Russian River for frost protection purposes

of 43 acres of vineyard. Water is diverted from Well RR1 via a buried 8-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline 800-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 500 gallons per minute (gpm). The well has been operated on the basis of groundwater use claims. However, this application has been filed since the well may be part of the Russian River subterranean stream. The project is located approximately 1-¼ miles northeast from Cloverdale.

Summary of Application 31515 (Ray's River Ranch Vineyard)

County: Sonoma.
Source: Russian River (subterranean stream).
Point of
Diversion: Well RR1 located within the NE¼ of NW¼ of section 17, T11N, R10W, MDB&M.
Amount: Well RR1 - 1.1 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of 12 afa.
Season: February 15 through June 15.
Purpose: Frost Protection.
Place of Use: 43 acres as described under *"Summary of Application – Application 31508"*

Description of Project (Application 31516 – Ellis Ranch Vineyard)

The applicant seeks a right to continue to divert 0.33 cfs by pumping from a well constructed in the 1970s located along the Russian River. Well EL1 is an agricultural well and water is diverted via a 4-inch diameter buried PVC pipeline approximately 600-feet in length with an estimated capacity of 150 gpm. Water is diverted for the purpose of frost protecting 24 acres of vineyard. The project is located approximately 1-¼ miles northeast from Cloverdale.

Summary of Application 31516 (Ellis Ranch Vineyard – Frost Protection)

County: Sonoma.
Source: Russian River (subterranean stream).
Point of
Diversion: Well EL1 located within the NW¼ of NE¼, of section 18, T10N, R9W, MDB&M.
Amount: Well EL1 – 0.33 cfs of direct diversion, not to exceed a total of 6 afa.
Season: February 15 through June 15.
Purpose: Frost Protection.
Place of Use: 24 acres as described under *"Summary of Application – Application 31510"*

Environmental Information

The lead agency will prepare the appropriate environmental documents for the project according to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and its guidelines, and will determine whether or not the project will cause a significant effect on the environment. If you are not filing a protest, but wish to submit information that indicates the project may cause a significant effect on the environment, please send this information to Steven Herrera; State Water Board, Division of Water Rights; P.O. Box 2000; Sacramento, CA 95812-2000. This information will be reviewed in accordance with CEQA.

PROTEST SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

Protest Requirements

A person may file a protest based on any of the following factors:

- Interference with prior water rights.
- Adverse environmental impact.
- Not in the public interest.
- Contrary to law.
- Not within the jurisdiction of the State Water Board.

All protests must clearly describe the objections to approval of the application and the factual basis for those objections. There must be a clear link between the proposed project and the objection to its approval. If the objection is based on interference with prior water rights, the protest must describe specifically what injury would result if the application is approved. In addition, the party claiming interference with prior rights must provide specific information describing the basis of the prior right, the date the use began, the quantity of water used, the purpose of use and the place of use. Please note that any water right permit issued by the State Water Board is subject to vested water rights and will include conditions to protect such rights.

If the protest is based on an allegation that the proposed appropriation would not be within the State Water Board jurisdiction, would not best conserve the public interest or public trust uses, would have an adverse environmental impact, or would be contrary to law, the protest must be accompanied by a statement of facts supporting the allegation.

For example, public interest protests should clearly indicate how the appropriation will affect the public; environmental protests should identify specific impacts and provide supporting recitals on the effect of the proposed project on plants, animals, fish, erosion, pollution, aesthetics, etc.; public trust protests must identify the navigable waters and public trust values that would be affected by the proposed project and how the project will impact public trust values.

All protests should include a description of any measures that could be taken to resolve the protest. The protest also must indicate the manner in which the protestant served upon the applicant a duplicate copy of the protest.

If sufficient information is not submitted, the State Water Board may reject the protest or request that the protestant submit additional information. Protests of a general nature (not project specific) or protests that are inconsistent with constitutional or legislated state policy will not be accepted. A request for information or a request that studies be conducted does not constitute a protest.

Procedure for Submitting Protests

Protests should be submitted on standard protest forms available from the Division's website at www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/ or upon request, in writing or by telephone, from the Division. A pamphlet that provides additional information relating to water rights and the procedure for filing protests is also available on the website or by mail. Any requests or the submittal of the completed protest form should be directed to the individual listed as the contact person at the end of this notice. **A copy of the completed protest form must also be mailed to the applicant.**

Protest Submittal Deadline

Protests submitted in response to this notice must be **received by the Division by 3:00 p.m. on July 26, 2006** (40 days after the date of this notice). Protests may be submitted by any of the following methods:

1. Mailed to Division of Water Rights; P. O. Box 2000; Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
2. Faxed to the Division at (916) 341-5400
3. E-mailed to the engineer listed below under the heading "Contact Person"

4. Hand-delivered to the Division office located at 1001 "I" Street, 2nd Floor (File Room), Sacramento, CA

If you choose to fax or e-mail the protest due to the constraints of the noticing period, the fax or e-mail must be followed by timely delivery of an original signed copy, either personally or by mail, to the Division in order for the protest to be accepted. The State Water Board will respond to all protests within 60 days of the final day to file a protest.

Protests not submitted by the close of the protest period will be subject to rejection.

For good cause, the State Water Board may grant an extension of time to file a protest.

It is the protestant's responsibility to contact the engineer listed below as "Contact Person" to request the extension prior to the end of the protest period.

Resolution of Protests

The applicant will have 30 days to respond to a protest once it is accepted by the Division. The protestant and the applicant are expected to make a good faith effort to resolve the protest within 180 days from the close of the protest period.

This is a "minor" project (the proposed diversion is 3 cfs or less by direct diversion or 200 af or less per year by storage) as defined by section 1348 of the Water Code. Therefore, any protest issues not resolved by the applicant or by provisions of section 1335 of the Water Code will be decided by the Chief, Division of Water Rights, following a field investigation.

CONTACT PERSON

To obtain additional information regarding this project, or to obtain copies of protest forms, or general information pamphlets, please contact Patricia Meroney by phone at (916) 341-5354 or by electronic mail at pmeroney@waterboards.ca.gov. Information and protest forms are also available at the Division's website: www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/.

Date of Notice: **JUNE 16, 2006**

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