



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 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 31771 – B.H. Farming

APPLICANT: BH Farming, LLC
c/o Ms. Wendy Johnston
VESTRA
5300 Aviation Drive
Redding, CA 96002

PROJECT LOCATION:

Eight miles southwest of the city of Corning, CA, in Tehama County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

BH Farming, LLC owns a 1,420-acre walnut and almond farm in Tehama County. With Application 31771, the applicant proposes to construct a reservoir on an unnamed ephemeral tributary (No-Name Creek) to Burch Creek. The reservoir site consists of 128 acres and will store approximately 2,000 acre-feet (af) of water which will be obtained from both No-Name Creek and Burch Creek. Under Application 31771, up to 2,000 af annually of water will be diverted from the Burch Creek watershed from November 1 through April 30 of each year and will be used for irrigation and frost protection. When stored in the reservoir, recreation and wildlife enhancement will be the purposes of use.

DETERMINATION:

The State Water Board has determined that the above-described project will have a less than significant effect on the environment for the reasons specified in the Initial Study prepared for this project.

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 http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/ceqa/index.shtml . 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: Kate Gaffney, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, by email at kgaffney@waterboards.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 341-5360.

Persons who disagree with the conclusions set forth in the Mitigated Negative Declaration or who disagree with the information contained therein are invited to furnish written comments to Kate Gaffney at the above address. The comments should summarize the specific substantive and factual basis for disagreement. The final date for submitting comments is 30 days from the date of this notice.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY: KDM FOR

Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director
Division of Water Rights

Dated: February 21, 2012