STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of
DETERMINATION OF THE RIGHTS
of the Various Claimants
to the Water of
LITTLE CHICO CREEK STREAM SYSTEM

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHTS
ON LITTLE CHICO CREEK

WHEREAS:
1. Gary A. Incaudo and 32 others have filed a petition with the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to Water Code Section 2525 requesting determination of the rights of the various claimants to the waters of the Little Chico stream system tributary to Angel Slough in Butte County, California.
2. The Board has made an investigation to determine the public interest and necessity for a statutory adjudication on Little Chico Creek in Butte County. The findings of this investigation are summarized in the document entitled "Preliminary Investigation Pursuant to Petition for Adjudication, Little Chico Creek in Butte County."
3. The Board has reviewed the subject report and finds the following:
   a. Little Chico Creek drains a watershed of about 25 square miles in the Sacramento Valley. It flows into Angel Slough, thence Butte Creek, thence Butte Slough, thence the Sacramento River.
The water rights of the public interest and necessity will not be served by a determination of facts and conditions as indicated in the Little Chico Creek Watershed, and

1. Historical streamflow measurements indicate that flows in human consumption practices permit use of the underground water.

2. Residents in the canyon indicate that current sewage disposal formation, draining their water from perennializing groundwater in the unearthing Tuscan.

3. Wells located in the lower canyon of Little Chico Creek are recent artesian.

4. The underground of Little Chico Creek is limited to water use.

5. The concerning appropriative rights and prevention of waste and unreasonable direct diversions may best be controlled through the Board's statutory authority.

6. In the Little Chico Creek Watershed upstream impoundments and/or storage reservoirs that collect winter runoff.

7. Recent irrigation of additional acreages is from wells.

8. Not justified to adjudicate the water rights.

9. Subdivision of land in the Little Chico Creek Watershed is area (are supplied entirely from wells).

10. Existing subdivisions in the upper watershed (Forest Ranch)

11. Purposes and to irrigate vineyards, pastures and orchards, turbid waters or stored in reservoirs is used for domestic and stockwatering.
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that said petition be denied.

Dated: March 19, 1981

Carlos M. Bard, Chairwoman

L. L. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman

Jill B. Dunlap, Member

Absent

F. K. Aljibury, Member

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