

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

ORDER WR 2007-0016-DWR

In the Matter of Application 31055
Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District

ORDER APPROVING ISSUANCE OF PERMIT

SOURCE: Russian River Underflow Tributary to the Pacific Ocean
COUNTY: Sonoma

WHEREAS:

1. Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District filed Application 31055 with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on May 12, 2000.
2. All protests to approval of the application have been resolved by inclusion of permit conditions regarding prior rights.
3. The State Water Board has determined that there is unappropriated water available to serve Application 31055. Division of Water Rights (Division) staff prepared a water availability analysis on February 21, 2007, documenting the availability of water.
4. The water will be diverted and used without injury to any lawful user of water. The Division issued a public notice of Application 31055 on August 18, 2000. Based on the water availability analysis, water is available to serve this application without injury to prior rights. All protests to approval of the application on the basis of injury to prior rights have been resolved. The permit contains conditions to address potential injury to prior rights.
5. Water will be diverted and used without unreasonable effect upon fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses. State Water Board Decisions 1530 and 1610 established minimum flow requirements for the Russian River. These minimum flow requirements are implemented through terms contained in Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950 and 16596, which are held by the Sonoma County Water Agency. The minimum flow requirements were established to protect instream beneficial uses including fish, wildlife, and recreation. Unappropriated water is available for Application 31055 and diversion of water under any permit issued pursuant to Application 31055 will not cause flow in the Russian River to drop below levels established for the protection of instream beneficial uses.
6. Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District, as lead agency, adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and made findings for the Camp Meeker Water System Water Supply Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District filed a Notice of Determination for the project on November 29, 1995. The State Water Board, as responsible agency, is required to consider the MND and reach its

own conclusions on whether and how to approve Application 31055. The MND lists the potential adverse impacts of the project as being less than significant with mitigation measures incorporated. The MND identified potentially significant impacts on geology, water, air quality, transportation/circulation, biological resources, hazards, noise, public services, utilities and service systems, aesthetics, and cultural resources. The Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District found that mitigation measures incorporated into the project avoid or reduce potential environmental impacts to less than significant levels.

The State Water Board finds that changes or mitigation measures have been required in, or incorporated into, the project that avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effects identified in the MND prepared for the project. Mitigation measures for this project are within the responsibility of the Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District, not the State Water Board, and have been or should be adopted.

The State Water Board, having reviewed and considered the information contained in the MND, finds that no additional mitigation measures within the responsibility of the State Water Board are available for the identified environmental impacts.

7. The applicant requested to divert 90 acre-feet per annum for municipal use and fire protection. The intended uses are beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT A PERMIT IS ISSUED FOR APPLICATION 30155, subject to the conditions of the attached permit.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

*ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
JAMES W. KASSEL for*

*Victoria A. Whitney, Chief
Division of Water Rights*

Dated: April 27, 2007