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**State Water Resources Control Board**

**PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Pursuant to Section 21080 (c)

**Public Resources Code**

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To: Office of Planning & Research  
State Clearinghouse  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
P.O. Box 2000  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Right Application A031572 of Leal Family Trust and Odysseus Farms

**APPLICANT:** Leal Family Trust and Odysseus Farms  
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**PROJECT LOCATION:**

The project associated with Application A031572 of Leal Family Trust and Odysseus Farms is located west of the Feather River, Between the Sutter Bypass to the west and SR 99 to the east, in the vicinity of the community of Nicolaus of Sutter County, California. It is located within Sections 21, 27, 28, 33 and 34, Township 13 North, Range 3 East of the Nicolaus and Sutter Causeway 7.5-minute USGS topographic quadrangles.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Water Right Application A031572 requests direct diversion of 1,770 acre-feet of water from September 1 of each year to March 31 of the succeeding year. Water would be diverted from six separate Points of Diversion located on the State Reclamation Drain and an unnamed drainage ditch tributary to the East Borrow Pit of the Sutter Bypass, thence the Sacramento River. The requested purpose of use for the Project is fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement, recreation, and rice straw decomposition with the place of use consisting of 884.6 acres of existing rice fields.

**DETERMINATION:**

The State Water Resources Control Board has determined that the Project will have a less than significant impact on the environment for the reasons specified in the Initial Study prepared for the Project.

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