

## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION Pursuant to Section 21092 – Public Resources Code

The staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has prepared a Negative Declaration setting forth the findings that the following proposed action will have a less than significant effect of the environment.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Right Application A031572 of Leal Family Trust and Odysseus Farms

**APPLICANT:** Leal Family Trust and Odysseus Farms  
C/o Jill Leal  
P.O. Box H  
Yuba City, CA 95992

#### **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.

The Proposed Negative Declaration and Initial study in support of the Negative Declaration are available on the Division of Water Rights website at

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/ceqa/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/ceqa/).

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: David Strunk, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000; by phone at (916) 341-5352 or by email at [david.strunk@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:david.strunk@waterboards.ca.gov).

Persons who disagree with the conclusions set forth in the Negative Declaration or who disagree with the information contained therein are invited to furnish written comments to David Strunk 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:

Scott Frazier, Senior  
Bay Valley Permitting Unit  
Division of Water Rights

Dated: NOV 21 2017