

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
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INITIAL STUDY

I. BACKGROUND

PROJECT TITLE: Petition for Change and Time Extension for Water Right Permit
20428 of Kreuse Creek Premier Vineyard

APPLICATION: Permit 20428/Application 29351

APPLICANT: Kreuse Creek Premier Vineyard
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APPLICANT'S CONTACT PERSON: Andrew Hitchings
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General Plan Designation: Open Space

Zoning: Agricultural Watershed

Introduction

This Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in support of Kreuse Creek Premier Vineyard's ("Petitioner") Petition for Change and Petition for Extension of Time (Permit 20428/Application 29351 – Napa County).

The Petitioner is requesting the following changes to Permit 20428: (1) a reduction in the Permitted quantity diverted from 70 acre-feet per annum (afa) to 35 afa; (2) a limitation of purpose of use to irrigation only; (3) change the point of onstream storage to a Point of Diversion (POD) to off-stream storage; and, (4) change the location of the point of off-stream storage. No change to either the size or location of the Permitted place of use is proposed. The POD(s) are both located in the Tulucay Creek Watershed and the Milliken-Sarco-Tulucay Groundwater Basin; and are approximately 2 miles east of the City of Napa. Overdraft of the Milliken-Sarco-Tulucay Groundwater Basin has resulted in pressure to reduce use of groundwater, and prompted the decision by the Petitioner to switch from groundwater to the use of its existing surface water right under Permit 20428. Figure 1 shows the location and vicinity of the proposed project.

This Initial Study includes a project description, project background, environmental setting description, a section on responsible trustees and agencies and an expanded section on environmental impacts. This document describes how most impacts are avoided and for potential impacts it identifies mitigation measures that would be implemented to reduce all potential project impacts to a less than significant level.