



State Water Resources Control Board

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

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

PROJECT TITLE: Petition for Change of Place of Use for Water Right Permit 20295 (Application 27758) of Anderson Vineyards

PETITIONER: Anderson Vineyards
c/o Robert Gibson
P.O. Box 67
Philo, CA 95466

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project is located in Anderson Valley, approximately five miles northeast of the community of Philo in Mendocino County, California. This location can be found within Township 14 and 15 North, Range 15 West, of the “Cold Spring, California” and the “Philo, California” U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Permit 20295 (Application 27758) was issued December 29, 1988 by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division). Permit 20295 allows for the diversion of 75 acre-feet (af) of water from an Unnamed Stream tributary to Mill Creek thence the Navarro River to storage in an existing off-stream reservoir for the purposes of irrigation, frost protection, and heat control of 210 acres. The pending Petition for Change for Permit 20295 would add 36 acres to the POU, for a total of 246 acres. A portion of the proposed POU is located on a parcel adjacent to the property which the Petitioner is leasing. The entire 246-acre POU is currently developed in vineyard and includes vineyard avenues and turnspaces. No additional development would occur with the petition. No changes to the water diversion or uses authorized by Permit 20295 are proposed.

DETERMINATION:

The State Water Resources Control Board has determined that the above-described project will have a less than significant effect on the environment for the reasons specified in the Initial Study prepared for this project.

CHARLES R. HOPPIN, CHAIRMAN | THOMAS HOWARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Initial Study in support of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are available on the Division of Water Rights website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/ceqa/index.shtml. A hard copy of these documents or additional information concerning the proposed action may be obtained by writing to Mark Matranga, Division of Water Rights, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, by email at MMatranga@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 327-3112.

Persons who disagree with the conclusions set forth in the Mitigated Negative Declaration or who disagree with the information contained therein are invited to furnish written comments to Mr. Matranga 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.

Original Signed by: PGC for

*Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director
Division of Water Rights*

Dated: February 3, 2012