



State Water Resources Control Board



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

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

PROJECT TITLE: Narsai M. David Applications 29686 and 29687 to Appropriate Water

APPLICANT: Narsai M. David
1889 W. Zinfandel Lane
St. Helena, CA 94574

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Narsai M. David (Applicant) project is located in Pope Valley, California, in Napa County within the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute Aetna Springs Quadrangle Township 9N, Range 5W, Sections 11 and 14. The site covers approximately 56 acres along Pope Canyon Road and is located within the Putah Creek watershed above Lake Berryessa.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Applications 29686 and 29687 were filed in 1990, seeking appropriate permits for diversion to storage of 98 acre-feet per annum (afa) (Application 29687), and direct diversion of an additional 49 afa for irrigation of a proposed 80-acre vineyard (Application 29686). Revised applications were submitted to the Division of Water Rights on November 24, 2003, which reduced the place of use (POU) to 50 acres and the total diversion under both applications to 113 afa. On August 2, 2007, the Applicant requested that the diversion rate be reduced from 3 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 2 cfs.

Application 29686 seeks the right to divert 26 af from Pope Creek between March 15 and May 15 for frost protection. Application 29687 seeks the right to divert up to 87 afa from Pope Creek to offstream storage between November 1 and May 15 for irrigation and heat protection of the proposed 50-acre vineyard.

DETERMINATION:

The State Water 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.

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



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Applications 29686 and 29687

obtained by writing to Greg Brown, Division of Water Rights, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, by email at gbrown@waterboards.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 323-1847.

Persons who disagree with the conclusions set forth in the Mitigated Negative Declaration or who disagree with the information contained therein may submit written comments to Mr. Brown 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.

Barbara Evoy FOR

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Dated: