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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 the findings that the following proposed action will have a less than significant effect on the environment.

PROJECT TITLE: Canebrake Vineyards Application 30363 to Appropriate Water.

APPLICANT/PETITIONER: Tim and Shawna Todd
Canebrake Vineyards
PO Box 779
Redwood Valley, CA 95470

PROJECT LOCATION:

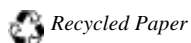
Canebrake Vineyards is located approximately two miles west of the community of Redwood Valley, off U.S. Highway 101, in Mendocino County, California. The project is located in Section 6, T16N, R12W, MDB&M.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Water Right Application 30363 was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights on May 10, 1994 for the diversion of 10 acre-feet per annum (afa) of water to storage, in an existing offstream reservoir, from Forsythe Creek tributary to the West Fork of the Russian River thence the Russian River. Water will be diverted at a rate not to exceed 0.5 cubic feet per second (cfs), from December 15 to March 31 of the succeeding year. Water diverted from Forsythe Creek to the existing offstream reservoir is used for irrigation and frost protection of 25 acres of existing vineyard. The reservoir has a vertical height from the downstream toe of the slope to the spillway level of 10 feet, a dam length of 200 feet, and an approximate surface area of 1 acre.

A pump installed at the Point of Diversion (POD) on Forsythe Creek would transport water to the reservoir via an existing 500-foot, 4-inch diameter underground pipeline. A second pump installed at the reservoir would transport water for irrigation of the proposed POU via an existing 50-foot, 12-inch diameter pipeline.

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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 attached Initial Study.

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.waterrights.ca.gov/ceqadocs.html>. A hard copy of these documents or additional information concerning the proposed action may be obtained by writing to Eric Oppenheimer, Division of Water Rights, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, by email at EOppenheimer@waterboards.ca.gov or by calling Eric Oppenheimer at (916) 341-5384.

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 Eric Oppenheimer at the above address. The comments should summarize the specific substantive and factual basis for disagreement. The final date for submitting such comments is 30 days from the date of this notice.

Victoria A. Whitney, Chief
Division of Water Rights

Dated: March 21, 2008