
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 (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: WATER RIGHT APPLICATION 31050 – JACKSON FAMILY INVESTMENTS, LLC

APPLICANT: Jackson Family Investments, LLC
c/o Diane Willson
Napa Valley Vineyard Engineering, Inc.
176 Main Street, Suite B
St. Helena, CA 94574

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project associated with Water Right Application 31050 of Jackson Family Investments, LLC is in Alexander Valley and approximately 0.8 mile south of Highway 128 at the intersection of Chalk Hill Road and Thomas Road. The project site is within the Maacama Creek watershed in Projected Sections 16, 17, and 20, Township 9N, Range 8W, MDB&M of the “Mount St. Helena, California,” “Jimtown, California,” and “Healdsburg, California” U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Water Right Application 31050 requests to appropriate a total of 156 acre-feet per annum of water from Maacama Creek thence the Russian River, for storage in a reservoir (having a capacity of 156 acre-feet), and a diversion season of December 15 of each year to March 30 of the succeeding year. The water would be used for irrigation and frost protection of 132 acres of vineyard. All project components currently exist. Application 31050 seeks to add the point of diversion on Maacama Creek (L5674) as a supplemental source of water to fill the reservoir (L5368). The total amount of water diverted under L5368 and Application 31050 will be limited to 156 acre-feet per annum. The total amount of water diverted under L5674, L5368, and Application 31050 will be limited to 208 acre-feet per annum.

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 obtained by writing to State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Beth Payne, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, by email at EPayne@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 341-5426.

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 Division staff 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

Katy Lee, Senior
Russian River Watershed Unit
Division of Water Rights

Dated: APR 19 2013