
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: Application 31095 of Barry Hoffner to Appropriate Water by Permit

APPLICANT: Barry Hoffner
c/o Paula Whealen
Wagner & Bonsignore
2151 River Plaza Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833

PROJECT LOCATION:

The proposed project area is situated in the Russian River watershed in the northern portion of Sonoma County, in Sections 34 and 35, Township 12 North and Range 10 West, MDB&M, and is on the Asti 7.5-minute U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangle.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

On August 3, 2000, Barry Hoffner filed water right Application 31095 with the State Water Board, Division of Water Rights. The proposed project would include the seasonal diversion of up to 24 acre-feet per year to storage from an Unnamed Stream associated with point of diversion 1 (onstream reservoir) and a second Unnamed Stream (locally referred to as Sulphur Creek) associated with point of diversion 2 (diversion to offstream storage), both of which are tributary to Big Sulphur Creek thence the Russian River. Water would be diverted from December 15 to March 31 of each year.

The place of use consists of 17 gross acres of vineyard, and the onstream reservoir at point of diversion 1. Proposed water uses include irrigation of the vineyard, recreation, heat control, and fire protection. Vineyard irrigation is accomplished using drip systems and sprinklers.

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: Jennifer Dick-McFadden, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA, 95812-2000, by email at jdick-mcfadden@waterboards.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 322-8568.

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 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 AMontgomery

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Dated: AUG 24 2012