



# State Water Resources Control Board



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**Edmund G. Brown Jr.**  
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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:** Palisades Ranch Petitions for Change and Extension of Time

**APPLICANT:** Flora Springs Winery  
c/o James C. Hanson  
Wagner & Bonsignore  
Consulting Civil Engineers  
2151 River Plaza Drive, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95833

#### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

The proposed project is located in northwestern Pope Valley approximately one mile southeast of Aetna Springs, and about two miles northwest of the community of Pope Valley in Napa County, California. The project is located within Township 9N, Range 5W and 6W of the "Aetna Springs, California" U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Petitioner is proposing the addition of 121 acres, which includes approximately 110 acres of existing vineyard, to the place of use named in Licenses 2947, 7430, and 13396 (Applications 9574, 18949, 19374), and Permit 19189 (Application 27625). Water from three existing storage reservoirs would be used to serve the additional acreage. The licensed rights presently provide for the diversion of 265 acre-feet (af) of water from Unnamed Streams tributary to Pope Creek, and for the maximum annual withdrawal of 236 af of water.

The proposed project also includes a Petition for Extension of Time for Permit 19189 (Application 27625). As the first petition expired before environmental review was complete, an additional Petition for Extension of Time was filed on June 30, 2009. The petition seeks a 26-year extension for Permit 19189, from December 31, 1993 to December 31, 2019, to complete beneficial use, and a 27 year extension, from December 31, 1992 to December 31, 2019, to complete construction.

#### **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.

*California Environmental Protection Agency*



Licenses 2947, 7430, and 13396  
Permit 19189

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](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 Greg Brown, Division of Water Rights, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, by email at [gbrown@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto: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 are invited to furnish 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, Deputy Director  
Division of Water Rights

Dated: **JAN 31 2011**