

Summary

Alternative Compliance Plan for Water Right (A016829)

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INTRODUCTION

See [Information and Instruct on Sheet](#) for assistance in completing this form. The form shall be completed by the water right owner, the registrant, or for an Alternative Compliance Plan filed for a group, the designated contact. The vast majority of water right owners should be able to meet the measurement requirements. Participation in an Alternative Compliance Plan does not relieve the participant of the independent obligation to file an annual Report of Water Diversion and Use.

All sections of the form below must be completed. An incomplete form does not excuse non-compliance with the regulation or release you from the obligation to measure. The Alternative Compliance Plan may not be used to avoid measurement and monitoring, but should be used to describe an alternative method of measurement and monitoring which will provide the information required by the Regulation. Estimated diversion records may not meet the Regulation's accuracy requirements without supporting documentation.

Note: The large text boxes in the form have a character limit of 2,000 characters. Responses requiring more than 2,000 characters for a particular text box should be submitted as an attachment in Section I of this form. Additional information should be attached in Section I.

SECTION A - WATER RIGHT OWNER INFORMATION

This section of the form describes the information that is required for each water right or claimed right covered under the Alternative Compliance Plan.

In Section I, attach a table (in Microsoft Excel .xlsx, comma separated .csv, or tab separated .txt format) containing the Application or Statement Number for each water right covered under the Alternative Compliance Plan. For your water right, answer the questions below.

(1) Owner Name(s) *	<input type="text" value="Hugh & Leslie Pitts"/>
(2) Email Address *	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
(3) Phone Number *	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
(4) Mailing Address Line 1 *	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
(5) Mailing Address Line 2:	<input type="text"/>
(6) City *	<input type="text" value="Paso Robles"/>
(7) State *	<input type="text" value="California"/>
(8) Zip Code *	<input type="text" value="93446"/>



(9) Is the Water Right Owner also the Primary Contact? *

Yes

No



On questions 10 through 13, please tell us what you understand the requirements of the regulation to be for this water right to be.

(9) Installation Deadline *

January 1, 2017

- July 1, 2017
- January 1, 2018

(10) Measurement Accuracy *

- 10%
- 15%
- Other, as specified in the Alternative Compliance Plan (if submitted)

(11) Required Monitoring Frequency *

- Hourly
- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly

(12) Qualifications of the Individual Installing/Certifying *

- A California Licensed Professional Engineer (PE), a person working under the supervision of a California PE, a California licensed contractor authorized by the State License Board for C-57 Welding or C-61 Limited Specialty/D-21 Machinery and Pumps, or a Hydrologist or Engineer employed by a Federal Agency
- A person trained and experienced in water measurement (for diversions less than 100 acre feet per year)

SECTION B - INFORMATION ON PRIMARY CONTACT

This section of the form includes the contact information for the primary contact associated with the Alternative Compliance Plan.

(1) Name(s): *

(2) Phone Number: *

(3) Email Address: *

(4) Mailing Address Line 1: *

(5) Mailing Address Line 2:

(6) City: *

(7) State: *

(8) Zip Code: *

(8) The Alternative Compliance Plan Primary Contact is a(n): *

- Water Right Owner
- Agent
- Designated Contact

SECTION C - INFORMATION ON QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL

This section of the form includes the contact information for the Qualified Individual certifying the Alternative Compliance Plan.

(1) Name(s): *

(2) Phone Number: *

(3) Email Address: *

(4) Mailing Address Line 1: *

(5) Mailing Address Line 2:

(6) City: *

(7) State: *

(8) Zip Code: *

(9) The qualifications of the individual certifying the Alternative Compliance Plan are: *

- California Licensed Professional Engineer (PE)
- Person working under the supervision of a California Professional Engineer
- California licensed contractor authorized by the State License Board for C-57 well drilling or C-61 Limited Specialty/D-21 Machinery and Pumps
- Hydrologist or Engineer employed by a Federal Agency
- Person trained and experienced in water measurement (for diversions of less than 100 acre feet per year)

(10) Qualifying Individual's PE or Contractor license number, if applicable:

SECTION D - REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE

Water right holders who divert more than 10 acre feet of water per year are required to measure the water they divert. A diverter may choose any measuring device, or combination of devices, that meet the measurement and monitoring requirements of the regulation. The measurement requirements are summarized on the [Reporting and Measurement Webpage](#).

For each box checked in questions 1a through 3 below, submit a detailed explanation and attach substantiating documentation.



(1a) Diverter is seeking alternative compliance from the requirement(s) checked below. *

- Measuring Device Location
- Required Accuracy
- Certification of Accuracy
- Installation and Maintenance
- Monitoring Frequency
- Telemetry
- Other (describe in Section 1b)

(1b) Provide additional information for each of the reasons selected in question 1a: *

This stockpond water right for Ch mney Rock Reservo r s part of the Ch mney Rock Ranch There are 19 ponds on th s ranch No pond except San Marcos Reservo r has the ab lity to store more than ts water r ght Th s Alternat ve Compl ance Plan s one of three cover ng Sapo Pueblo and Ch mney Rock ponds The total volume of these ponds s 116 acre feet (AF) All of the ponds on the ranch are l sted for clar ty San Marcos Reservo r w ll have standard compl ance w th regulat ons w th measurement dev ces for storage and for releases The Appl cat on Numbers and storage r ghts of all the ponds are **Ch mney Rock Ranch** Pond Appl cat on D Volume (AF) Sapo A021153 44 Pueblo (Rock Corral) A018763 A016609 27 Ch mney Rock A016829 45 San Marcos A021262 A021153 A016829 325 Bull Pasture A023341 3 Badger A023919 0 2 B g Horse A023917 0 2 L ttle Horse A023918 0 6 Buena V sta A021153 0 03 Loma V sta A021153 1 Spr ng Dam (Skunk) A018763 3 Mesa (Abbey) A018762 2 2 H dden A018754 2 5 Alex A018673 1 6 Zorn A018673 1 9 Wld Turkey A018673 0 5 L ttle Headquarters A018673 1 4 Bald Mbunta n A018673 9 2 P ne A016829 2 No human act on s taken to fl l or dra n any of the ponds except San Marcos Reservo r The ponds fl l by San Marcos Creek or ts tr butar es or sheet flow and flow can only leave these ponds over sp llways The ponds have no gated nlets or outlets and are now part of the landscape of the area These 19 ponds prov de all of the f sh and shore hab tat on the ranch and prov de nearly all of the dr nk ng water for the cattle on the ranch as well as elk and other terrestal w ldl fe The h gh ponds dry up n the summer so the cattle are kept n the h gher pastures n spr ng and come down nto the valley n the summer and fall The ranch has dryland pasture n the late fall w nter and early spr ng Up to 69 acres maybe r gated at the bottom of the ranch below San Marcos Reservo r n those years when r gat on makes econom c sense

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(2a) Alternative compliance is being pursued because strict compliance with one or more of the requirements for measuring and monitoring (check all that apply): *

- Is not feas b e.
- Wou d unreasonab y affect pub c trust resources.*
- Is unreasonab y expens ve.**
- Wou d resu t n the waste or unreasonab e use of water.

* Inc ud ng f sh, w d fe, recreat on, nav gat on, and aesthet c va ues.

** P ans c a m ng that str ct comp ance s unreasonab y expens ve sha be accompan ed by an attached support ng cost ana ys s. The cost ana ys s shou d compare the cost of the proposed a ternate measur ng dev ces to the cost of the measurement dev ces requ red by the Regu at on. A P ans sha ncude a budget and sha dent fy sources of f nanc ng. The budget shou d prov de suff c ent deta to show the cost of the proposed a ternate measur ng dev ces, the cost of obta n ng any necessary perms, and the cost of nsta at on.

(2b) Provide additional information for each justification selected in question 2a: *

Most of the Ch mney Rock Ranch ponds are naccess ble by veh cles n the w nter and spr ng All of the dr t roads turn to mud and cannot be navigated w th a four wheel dr ve or ATV when wet Even those ponds that are access ble by h ghways only have veh cle access over dr t roads Check ng these ponds wou d chase away w ldl fe and reduce the ponds' use by br ds and walk ng an mals t wou d resu t n the waste and unreasonab e use of water f a fre were started n the process of attempt ng to access a pond n the summer or fall Also the bull elk that come to the ranch from Camp Roberts hab tu ally tear up fences new structures and small equ pment Any nstallat on of measurement equ pment wou d have to be protected by steel just to surv ve Water level loggers wou d have to be nstalled n galvan zed p pe from the top of each dam down to the bottom and the p pe wou d have to be secured to the dams and pond bottoms The least expens ve equ pment to mon tor pond levels wou d have to be electron c and wou d cost at least \$5000 n cap tal and \$4 000 n labor for nstallat on plus \$2 500 per year to check download and ma nta n pressure transducers \$11 500 n the frst year to electron cally measure 116 AF wh ch s not controlled or able to be controlled s not reasonable or feas ble n fact t wou d be less expens ve for the landowner to reduce the dam he ghts for the l censed ponds to a level at wh ch each stores less than 10 AF

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(3a) Alternative compliance is requested under the following categories (check all that apply): *

- Hgh y var ab e f ow rate at po nt of d vers on.
- Po nt of d vers on s naccess ble a port on of the year due to weather or other on s te cond t ons.
- Po nt of d vers on s under t da nfluence
- There s an exst ng measur ng dev ce or measurement method n use.
- Water s corros ve to measurement equ pment.

The diversions measured by another entity (identify entity and method of measurement used).

Other (provide complete description in section 3b)

(3b) Provide additional information for each of the categories selected in question 3a: *

This Alternative Compliance Plan is for 3 water rights on the Ch mney Rock Ranch west of Paso Robles. These rights are for small ponds and no irrigated acreage. The total water right of the three ponds combined is 116 AF per year. Most of the Ch mney Rock Ranch ponds are inaccessible by vehicles in the winter and spring. All of the dirt roads turn to mud and cannot be navigated with a four wheel drive or ATV when wet. Even those ponds that are accessible by highways only have vehicle access over dirt roads. Checking these ponds would chase away wildlife and reduce the ponds' use by birds and walking animals. It would result in the waste and unreasonable use of water if a fire were started in the process of attempting to access a pond in the summer or fall. The least expensive equipment to monitor pond levels would have to be electronic and would cost at least \$5000 in capital and \$4,000 in labor for installation plus \$2,500 per year to check, download, and maintain pressure transducers. \$11,500 in the first year to electronically measure 116 AF or less is not reasonable or feasible.

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(4) Alternative Compliance Plans shall include alternative, objective measurement and performance standards that achieve the closest attainable compliance. Describe the measurement or alternative to measurement that will be used at each point of diversion in the plan to achieve closest attainable compliance. *

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SECTION E - AREA COVERED BY THE ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE PLAN

Summarize the following for each water right covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan. In Section I, attach maps, aerial photographs, or other renderings showing the area covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan and delineating the acreage of each place of use served. For the area covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan, include a list of assessor's parcel numbers and the current owner of each parcel.

(1) Provide a general description of the area covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan. *

This stockpond water right for Ch mney Rock Reservoir is part of the Ch mney Rock Ranch. There are 19 ponds on this ranch. No pond except San Marcos Reservoir has the ability to store more than its water right. This Alternative Compliance Plan is one of three covering Sapo, Pueblo, and Ch mney Rock ponds. The total volume of these ponds is 116 acre feet (AF). All of the ponds on the ranch are listed for clarity. San Marcos Reservoir will have standard compliance with regulations with measurement devices for storage and for releases. The Application Numbers and storage rights of all the ponds are: **Ch mney Rock Ranch** Pond Application ID Volume (AF) Sapo A021153 44 Pueblo (Rock Corral) A018763 A016609 27 Ch mney Rock A016829 45 San Marcos A021262 A021153 A016829 325 Bull Pasture A023341 3 Badger A023919 0 2 B g Horse A023917 0 2 L ttle Horse A023918 0 6 Buena Vista A021153 0 03 Loma Vista A021153 1 Spring Dam (Skunk) A018763 3 Mesa (Abbey) A018762 2 2 H dden A018754 2 5 Alex A018673 1 6 Zorn A018673 1 9 Wild Turkey A018673 0 5 L ttle Headquarters A018673 1 4 Bald M bunta n A018673 9 2 P ne A016829 2 No human actions taken to fill or drain any of the ponds except San Marcos Reservoir. The ponds fill by San Marcos Creek or tributaries or sheet flow, and flow can only leave these ponds over spillways. The ponds have no gated inlets or outlets and are now part of the landscape of the area. These 19 ponds provide all of the fish and shore habitat on the ranch and provide nearly all of the drinking water for the cattle on the ranch, as well as elk and other terrestrial wildlife. The high ponds dry up in the summer, so the cattle are kept in the higher pastures in spring and come down into the valley in the summer and fall. The ranch has dryland pasture in the late fall, winter, and early spring. Up to 69 acres may be irrigated at the bottom of the

ranch below San Marcos Reservoir in those years when irrigation makes economic sense

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(2) Describe all diversion and conveyance works covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan. *

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(3) Describe the type(s) of Beneficial Use(s). *

Stock watering, Recreational, and Wildlife Propagation Uses

(5000 character max.)

(4) Have you attached a list of assessor's parcel numbers and the current owner of each parcel covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan? (Attachments may be made under Section I of this form.) * Yes No

SECTION F - MEASUREMENT AND MONITORING

(1) For each Point of Diversion listed in the Alternative Compliance Plan, describe how the water is measured. *

There are no diversions except from San Marcos Reservoir. Pond levels are visually measured when it's safe and when weather, low fire danger, and time allows to visit the remote locations.

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(2) Identify the measurement accuracy associated with the measurement devices. *

The accuracy is unknown if the estimate were made by the volume of each water right, the real volume could be significantly lower, but not higher because the ponds spill in wet years.

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(3) Describe how the accuracy of the Alternative Compliance Plan was calculated. *

The accuracy was not calculated.

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SECTION G - IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE (IF NECESSARY)

(1) If applicable, describe the implementation schedule for the Alternative Compliance Plan, including objective milestones from date of filing through final implementation. Milestones should include date of completion for construction and testing, expected dates of issuance of required permits, and expected date for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act:

There are no milestones

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An Alternative Compliance Plan shall be submitted and implemented by the established regulatory deadlines (see form instructions for additional information) unless a Request for Additional Time has been granted.

SECTION H - OTHER PERMITS

(1) Describe any other permits required to implement the Alternative Compliance Plan. Include information on the agency that will issue the permit, and the expected date of issuance.

Not Applicable

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SECTION I - ATTACHMENTS



(1) Attach documents that support the Alternative Compliance Plan.

 No file selected

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SECTION J - IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES

Each participant in an Alternative Compliance Plan (Plan) must sign this form or an "opt in" form that must be retained by the Plan manager. Attach a listing of participants, as needed, in Microsoft Excel .xlsx, comma separated .csv, or tab separated .txt format. By signing this form or the Plan's "opt in" form, each Plan participant acknowledges that the Plan will be timely implemented and that the measurement of diversions will substantially comply with the Measurement Regulation. Further, each Plan participant acknowledges that the water rights covered by the Plan will not be exercised outside the scope of the Plan. Each Plan participant is responsible for promptly notifying the Division of Water Rights or Delta Watermaster, as appropriate, if the participant withdraws from the Plan. The Plan manager is responsible for promptly notifying the Division of Water Rights or the Delta Watermaster, as appropriate, if the Plan is modified or abandoned or if the Implementation Schedule is adjusted.

I hereby certify that the information in this Alternative Compliance Plan is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the Alternative Compliance Plan is in compliance with the requirements of Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 2.8, Section 931 through 938 of the California Code of Regulations. *

Yes No

Printed Name *

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Division of Water Rights and Delta Watermaster staff may or may not evaluate the contents of an Alternative Compliance Plan at the time of receipt. Staff will not automatically determine if the information has been filed out, and accept the Alternative Compliance Plan as complete or return it as incomplete. An Alternative Compliance Plan may be reviewed for compliance purposes at any time or as part of a systematic audit.