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## 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 and Petitions for Edwards Ranch LLC

**APPLICANT:** Edwards Ranch, LLC  
c/o Paul Van Leer, Ranch Manager  
Las Varas Ranch  
Route 1, Box 234 A  
Goleta, CA 93117-9700  
(805) 896-7623

#### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

The project is located within the Gato Creek watershed tributary to the Pacific Ocean near Highway 1 and Gato Canyon Road, eight miles northwest of Goleta in Santa Barbara County.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Edwards Ranch, LLC has the following items pending before the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights (Division):

1. Water Right Application 30289, filed on October 4, 1993, in order to obtain a new permit for direct diversion not to exceed 4.14 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water that is currently authorized for diversion to storage from the Gato Creek watershed under the terms of Permits 17360 and 17361;
2. Petition for Change for Water Right Permit 17360, filed on September 8, 1993, to reduce and modify the authorized place of use; and,
3. Petition for Extension of Time for Water Right Permits 17360 and 17361, filed on August 17, 2004, to extend the period of time within which to apply the water to full beneficial use.

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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 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](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 contacting Mitchell Moody at (916) 341-5383 or [mmoody@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mmoody@waterboards.ca.gov). Written correspondences or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Mitchell Moody, PO Box 2000, Sacramento, CA, 95812-2000.

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. Moody 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.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:  
KATHERINE MROWKA, ACTING MANAGER  
FOR  
*Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director*  
*Division of Water Rights*

Dated: JUN 11 2012