



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 APPLICATIONS 30722 AND 31434--DONNELLY CREEK VINEYARDS, LLC

APPLICANT: Donnelly Creek Vineyards, LLC
c/o Wagner & Bonsignore, CCE
2151 River Plaza Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project associated with Applications 30722 and 31434 of Donnelly Creek Vineyards is located approximately one quarter mile north of Boonville in Mendocino County, CA. The project site is within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 1, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, all within Township 13N, Range 14W of the "Boonville, CA" US Geological Survey 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Water right Applications 30722 and 31434 request diversion of a maximum of 150 acre feet per annum from an Unnamed Stream tributary to a second Unnamed Stream, thence Donnelly Creek thence Anderson Creek and Anderson Creek tributary to the Navarro River. Application 30722 would divert up to 100 acre feet of water from December 15 of each year to March 31 of the succeeding year to storage in one offstream reservoir (Reservoir 1) and one onstream reservoir (Reservoir 2). Water stored in the reservoirs would be used for irrigation and frost protection of 56.9 acres of vineyard. Application 31434 requests direct diversion of a maximum of 50 acre feet of water from March 15 through March 31 of each year, at a rate of one cubic foot per second for frost protection of the 56.9 acre place of use. At the time the applications were filed, 50.9 acres of the place of use was cultivated in vineyard, and 6 acres were undeveloped. Construction of both reservoirs is complete. The project involves review of potential impacts from the conversion of 6 acres of land into vineyard, and the diversion and use of 150 acre feet of water.

CHARLES R. HOPPIN, CHAIRMAN | THOMAS HOWARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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: Angela Nguyen-Tan, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, by email at ANguyenTan@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 341-5318.

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 Angela Nguyen-Tan 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

Matthew McCarthy, Senior
Coastal Streams Unit

Dated: SEP 5 2012