



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: Applications 31059 and 31060 of Linholme Properties, Ltd. to Appropriate Water by Permit

APPLICANT: Linholme Properties, Ltd.
c/o Nick Bonsignore
Wagner & Bonsignore
2151 River Plaza Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project site is located approximately ten miles northwest of the City of Ukiah in Mendocino County, California. The property can be found within Sections 28, 29, 32 and 33, Township 17N, Range 13W, of the "Laughlin Range, CA" U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle. The project site is located in the southeast portion of the property, approximately four miles east of Highway 101 on Reeves Canyon Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Water Right Applications 31059 and 31060 were filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) on September 1, 1999. As amended, Application 31059 proposes the direct diversion of up to 5.6 acre-feet (af) of water, at a rate up to 2.04 cubic feet per second (cfs), from March 15 through March 31. Water would be diverted at an existing reservoir located on three intermittent Unnamed Streams tributary to Mill Creek thence Forsythe Creek thence the Russian River. Water would be used for frost protection of 22 acres of existing vineyard.

As amended, Application 31060 proposes to divert up to 20.5 af of water to storage in the same existing onstream reservoir named in Application 31059, from December 15 through March 31. Water would be used for the purposes of irrigation, frost protection, and heat control of the same 22 acres named in Application 31059.

FELICIA MARCUS, CHAIR | 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: 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

C. Scott Frazier, Senior
Napa River Watershed

Dated: FEB 12 2014