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## State Water Resources Control Board

March 28, 2023

Administrative Hearings Office  
State Water Resources Control Board  
[AdminHrgOffice@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:AdminHrgOffice@waterboards.ca.gov)

Dean Murphy Moua

Dear Administrative Hearings Office and Mr. Moua:

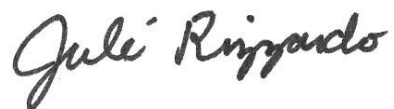
The Division of Water Rights (Division) Prosecution Team is withdrawing the February 23, 2023, Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACL Complaint) issued to Mr. Moua, effective today. As a preliminary matter, prior to the issuance of the ACL Complaint, Mr. Moua complied with the State Water Resources Control Board's requirement to submit a curtailment certification form. Subsequently, the Division issued an Information Order seeking further clarification about his asserted human health and safety exemption and to independently verify allegations made in a complaint. A critical component of the Division Enforcement Section's investigation process is independent verification of information submitted by members of the public, local or other state agencies, and/or nongovernmental organizations, and evaluation of additional information gathered over the course of the investigation. Despite the months of investigation and review of available information, the Prosecution Team has not been able to independently corroborate significant elements of the violations alleged in a third-party complaint. As a result, the Division of Water Rights is withdrawing the ACL Complaint associated with this matter.

The Division of Water Rights recognizes the significant water access issues for portions of Siskiyou County. Throughout the investigation of this complaint, the Division has discussed the availability of funding and technical assistance with interested parties and statewide non-profit organizations. The Division continues regular internal coordination to ensure any requests for funding and technical assistance that may be received, including replacement drinking water, are prioritized.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We remain committed and engaged with any interested parties on these critical water access issues for communities in Siskiyou County. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Andrew Tauriainen by email at [Andrew.Tauriainen@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Andrew.Tauriainen@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julé Rizzardo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julé Rizzardo, Assistant Deputy Director  
Division of Water Rights

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