

BEFORE THE

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In Re:

Emmerson Investment Inc.

Shasta River Tributary to Klamath River in  
Siskiyou County

Proposed Revocation of Permits 19164 and  
19165 (Applications 26306 and 26307)

**TESTIMONY OF IRA ALEXANDER,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
WATERMASTER**

**DATE:** July 20, 2009

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

I am employed by the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, Northern District Office as a Water Resources Tech II.

Since 2007, I have been responsible for administering diversions of water from the Lower Shasta River (i.e., that portion of the river downstream of Lake Shastina/Dwinnell Reservoir) under the Shasta River Adjudication, Superior Court, Siskiyou County No. 7035 and under post-Decree water rights.

As Watermaster, I am familiar with the conditions on the lower Shasta River, the operation of the Dwinnell Reservoir, the criteria for determining when water in the lower Shasta River is "surplus" under the decree, and the diversion of water by Hole in the Ground Ranch ("Ranch"). I have read the testimony of Joe Scott and Keith Dick in these proceedings, which accurately describe the Ranch diversions and water measurement facilities. My administration of water rights on the Lower Shasta River is consistent with the process described in their testimony.

Since the irrigation season of 2007, I have personally opened and operated the Ranch's diversion facilities at Diversions Nos. 165 and 166, as identified in the Decree, which are also the points of diversion for water right Permits Nos. 19164 and 19165, respectively. I collected the measurements of water diverted by the Ranch at each of these diversion points.

Exhibit 52 is a true and accurate copy of the records that I kept of diversions from

1 the lower Shasta River by Hole in the Ground Ranch, including its diversion of surplus water  
2 under Permits 19164 and 19165.

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