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# State Water Resources Control Board

## Division of Water Rights

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**Edmund G. Brown Jr.**  
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### 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:** Savoy Highway 128 Water Right Project

**APPLICANT:** Richard A. Savoy  
c/o Janet Goldsmith  
400 Capitol Mall, 27th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4416

#### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

The project site consists of 53 acres located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the town of Philo in Mendocino County, California within Sections 12 and 13 of Township 14N, Range 15W, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (M.D.B. & M.) of the "Philo, California" U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Application 29910 seeks to divert to storage up to 55.6 acre-feet per annum (afa), at a rate not to exceed 3 cubic feet per second (cfs), from December 15 to March 31. Stored water would be used for irrigation and frost protection of 44.25 net acres within 52.49 gross acres of existing vineyard, as named in the Petition for Change of Application 29910. Water would be diverted from a point of diversion (POD) located southwest of the project site, adjacent to the Navarro River, tributary to the Pacific Ocean. At the POD, Navarro River underflow would be diverted by pumping from an existing offset well, and would be transported to an existing offstream 27.8 acre-foot (af) capacity pit-type reservoir.

Application 29911 seeks to directly divert up to 40 afa, at a rate not to exceed 3 cfs, from March 1 to March 31. Water would be diverted from the same POD described in Application 29910 and would be used for frost protection of the same 44.25 net acres of existing vineyard named in Application 29910, as named in the Petition for Change of Application 29911.

#### **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](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 Peter Barnes, Division of Water Rights, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000, by email at [pbarnes@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:pbarnes@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 445-9989.

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 Peter Barnes 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.

*Katherine Mrowka, Acting Manager*

Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director  
Division of Water Rights

Dated:

**JUL 07 2011**