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Subject: Comment on SED

Attn: Karen Niiya or Eric Oppenheimer, State Water Resources Control Board

I am the holder of License #9373, Permit 15221, Application 22432. for the reservoir located at my ranch at 11000 Chalk Hill Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448.

This reservoir permit was transferred to me 32 years ago at the time of my purchase of this 86 acre farm, and is the sole factor in providing year-round water to the farm. The farm is listed as in a "scarce water area," and I tried to drill wells twice but found no water available.

The reservoir contains about 12.5 acre feet of water when full. It is located on an occasional stream which only flows during the rainy season. After our use during the summer months, it will fill up after 8 inches of rain, and then flows out into the stream bed.

There is no alternative site on the property for an off-stream reservoir as the SED suggests. As stated there is no chance for finding water by drilling.

The reservoir is stocked with Bass and Sunfish, and is used for recreation, as well as fire protection.

Relying on the license, I have built 2 homes on the property, which are totally reliant on the reservoir for year-round supply as well as stock watering for our Angus cattle herd.

As noted in my Report of Licensee for 2003, 3004, 2005, we have continued to implement water conservation efforts, including aquatic vegetation removal and erosion control (by monitoring many culverts and drains on this hilly property).

Finally I would submit that reasonable use of existing licenses should continue to be honored by the State Board, without impinging on the property rights of the user.

Respectfully Yours,

Thomas A. Kamm

Please acknowledge receipt of the above.