



State Water Resources Control Board

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

USE OF STORED AND DIVERTED WATER WITHIN THE NAVARRO RIVER WATERSHED IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Division of Water Rights (Division), is investigating all diversions in the Navarro River watershed without an existing water right on record. A review of U.S. Geological Survey maps, and aerial photographs indicate that there may be a reservoir or pond on your property that is not covered by an application to divert water or a Statement of Water Diversion and Use (Statement). Please notify me if our information is incorrect and you do not have a reservoir or pond on your property,

The Division is charged with the administration of post-1914 appropriative water rights throughout the State. In most cases, any reservoir constructed after 1914 requires an appropriative water right permit issued by the Division. Owners of reservoirs constructed prior to 1914 are required to file a Statement with the Division. We request that you either submit information regarding the water right covering your reservoir or explain why your reservoir does not fall within the SWRCB's permitting authority. If your reservoir is covered by a pre-1914 right, you should file a Statement. If you have no basis of existing water right, you should file an application to cover your reservoir storage. Statement and application forms are enclosed. As an alternative, you can remove the reservoir or render it incapable of storing water. If you do not provide a letter identifying your basis of right or file a new application within 60 days of the date of this letter, the Division may schedule a field inspection to determine if your reservoir is subject to the water right permitting authority of the SWRCB. Reservoirs storing water without a basis of right constitute a trespass against the State (see enclosed copy of California Water Code section 1052).

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If you have any questions regarding the filing of a water right application or a Statement, please call the Division's Application Unit at (916) 657-270. If you have questions regarding this letter, contact me at (916) 657-1940 or Tom McKenzie, the staff person working on the project, at (916) 653-0415.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

John O'Hagan, Chief  
Complaint Unit

Enclosures (3)  
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