

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
THE RESOURCES AGENCY
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINATION OF THE)
RIGHTS OF THE VARIOUS CLAIMANTS TO)
THE WATERS OF PURISIMA CREEK AND ITS)
TRIBUTARIES IN SAN MATEO COUNTY,)
CALIFORNIA)

ORDER GRANTING PETITION
FOR DETERMINATION OF
WATER RIGHTS

ORDER W. R. 77-14

WHEREAS:

1. J. L. De Benedetti, Fredrica H. De Benedetti, John L. De Benedetti III, Jane B. Quistgard and S. H. Cowell Foundation have filed a petition with the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to Water Code Section 2525 requesting determination of the rights of the various claimants to the waters of Purisima Creek stream system tributary to the Pacific Ocean in San Mateo County, California.

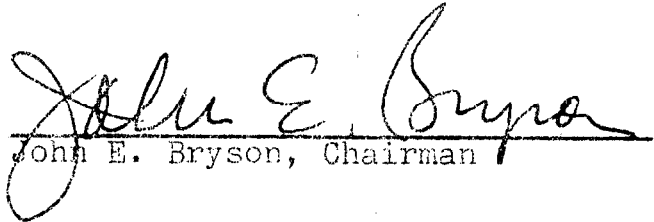
2. The Board has made an investigation to determine the public interest and necessity for a statutory adjudication on Purisima Creek in San Mateo County and the findings of this investigation are summarized in the document entitled, "Report of Preliminary Investigation to Determine the Public Interest And Necessity For a Statutory Adjudication On Purisima Creek in San Mateo County" (November 1977).

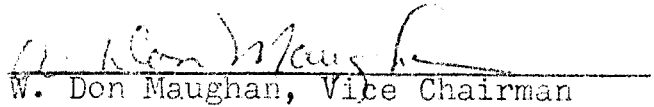
3. The Board has reviewed the subject report and finds the following:

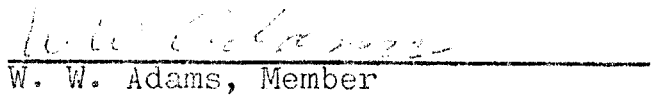
- a. Purisima Creek drains a watershed of about 6,000 acres in the Central Coastal Region. It flows into the Pacific Ocean about four miles south of the community of Half Moon Bay;
- b. Water from Purisima Creek is used for domestic use and for irrigation of crops such as pasture, brussel sprouts, artichokes and flowers. An owner of property upstream of the present irrigation intends to subdivide his property within the Purisima Creek watershed and to use water from said creek to supply this prospective domestic use;
- c. There is presently more land developed for irrigation than can be irrigated in a year of normal stream flow;
- d. With the low flow in the summer of 1977 controversy between upstream users of water and downstream users has arisen; and
- e. The facts and conditions are such that the public interest and necessity will be served by a determination of all the rights to the waters of the Purisima Creek stream system.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that said petition be, and it is hereby granted and it is further ordered that the investigation of said stream system shall begin on December 15, 1977 and all claimants shall notify the Board in writing by February 13, 1978 of their intention to file proofs of claim.

Dated: DEC 15 1977


John E. Bryson, Chairman


W. Don Maughan, Vice Chairman


W. W. Adams, Member