



State Water Resources Control Board



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NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE PLACE OF USE

APPLICATION: 30597

DATE FILED: March 4, 1997

Notice is hereby given that Mr. and Mrs. Jerome W. Komes (Petitioners), have filed a petition to change the place of use under Application 30597. Petitioners are currently applying to divert water from two unnamed streams tributary to Bale Slough thence Napa River thence San Pablo Bay in Napa County. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will determine whether the application should be amended and, if a water right permit is issued, whether further conditions are needed in the permit to protect the environment, the public interest, and downstream water users. This notice provides a description of the existing project and the proposed change and also describes the procedure and time frame for submittal of protests against the petition. The Division of Water Rights (Division) will not accept protests that are directed against the underlying water right, rather than the change proposed by the petition. This notice may be viewed at the Division's website at www.waterrights.ca.gov. Any correspondence directed to the petitioner should be mailed to:

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome W. Komes
c/o Paula Whealen
Wagner & Bonsignore
444 North Third Street, Suite 325
Sacramento, CA 95814-0228

Description of Project

This is an existing project. Petitioners filed Application 30597 on March 4, 1997, requesting the right to store 52 acre-feet (af) of water behind two onstream reservoirs and one offstream reservoir, for the drip irrigation of 120 acres of grapes, frost protection, recreational and fire protection. A public notice of the application was issued on April 3, 1998. All protests submitted in response to the notice have been either resolved or dismissed. On September 24, 2003, the applicant filed the subject petition to increase the place of use under Application 30597 from 120 to 150 acres in order to reflect the current operation of the project.

Summary of Petition

Application Information

County: Napa
Applicant: Mr. and Mrs. Jerome W. Komes
Sources: two unnamed streams tributary to Bale Slough thence Napa River thence San Pablo Bay.
Points of
Diversion: within the SE ¼ of NW ¼ of projected Section 7, T7N, R5W, MDB&M.
within the SW ¼ of NE ¼ of projected Section 7, T7N, R5W, MDB&M.
Purpose of Use: irrigation, frost protection, recreational and fire protection.
Amount & Season: 52 af of storage from December 15 through March 31.

California Environmental Protection Agency



Place of Use:

Use is within	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres	Previously Cultivated
SE ¼ of SW ¼	6	7N	5W	MD	4	Yes
SW ¼ of SE ¼	6	7N	5W	MD	18	Yes
NW ¼ of NW ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	2	Yes
NE ¼ of NW ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	14	Yes
SE ¼ of NW ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	7	Yes
NW ¼ of NE ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	27	Yes
NE ¼ of NE ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	23	Yes
SW ¼ of NE ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	3	Yes
SE ¼ of NE ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	18	Yes
NW ¼ of NW ¼	8	7N	5W	MD	2	Yes
SW ¼ of NW ¼	8	7N	5W	MD	2	Yes
				Total Acres:	120	

Petition to Change Place of Use under Application 30597:

Petitioner seeks to change the Place of Use under Application 30597 to:

Use is within	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres	Previously Cultivated
SE ¼ of SW ¼	6	7N	5W	MD	2	Yes
SW ¼ of SE ¼	6	7N	5W	MD	18	Yes
SE ¼ of SE ¼	6	7N	5W	MD	1	Yes
NW ¼ of NW ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	2	Yes
NE ¼ of NW ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	16	Partial
SE ¼ of NW ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	23	Partial
NW ¼ of NE ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	26	Yes
NE ¼ of NE ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	23	Yes
SW ¼ of NE ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	13	Partial
SE ¼ of NE ¼	7	7N	5W	MD	20	Partial
NW ¼ of NW ¼	8	7N	5W	MD	3	Yes
SW ¼ of NW ¼	8	7N	5W	MD	3	Yes
				Total Acres:	150	

Environmental Information

The lead agency will prepare the appropriate environmental documents for the project according to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and its guidelines, and will determine whether or not the project will cause a significant effect on the environment. If you are not filing a protest, but wish to submit information that indicates the project may cause a significant effect on the environment, please send this information to Steven Herrera; SWRCB, Division of Water Rights; P.O. Box 2000; Sacramento, CA 95812-2000. This information will be reviewed in accordance with CEQA.

PROTEST SUBMITTAL INFORMATION**Protest Requirements**

A person may file a protest based on any of the following factors:

- Interference with prior water rights.
- Adverse environmental impact.
- Not in the public interest.
- Contrary to law.
- Not within the jurisdiction of the SWRCB.

All protests must clearly describe the objections to approval of the petition and the factual basis for those objections. There must be a clear link between the proposed change and the objection to its approval. If the objection is based on interference with prior water rights, the protest must describe specifically what injury would result if the petition is approved. In addition, the party claiming interference with prior rights must provide specific information describing the basis of the prior right, the date the use began, the quantity of water used, the purpose of use and the place of use. Please note that any water right permit issued by the SWRCB is subject to vested water rights and will include conditions to protect such rights.

If the protest is based on an allegation that the proposed change would not be within the SWRCB's jurisdiction, would not best conserve the public interest or public trust uses, would have an adverse environmental impact, or would be contrary to law, the protest must be accompanied by a statement of facts supporting the allegation.

For example, public interest protests should clearly indicate how the proposed change will affect the public; environmental protests should identify specific impacts and provide supporting recitals on the effect of the proposed change on plants, animals, fish, erosion, pollution, aesthetics, etc.; public trust protests must identify the navigable waters and public trust values that would be affected by the proposed change and how the change will impact public trust values.

All protests should include a description of any measures that could be taken to resolve the protest. The protest also must indicate the manner in which the protestant served upon the petitioner a duplicate copy of the protest.

If sufficient information is not submitted, the SWRCB may reject the protest or request that the protestant submit additional information. Protests of a general nature (not project specific) or protests that are inconsistent with constitutional or legislated state policy will not be accepted. A request for information or a request that studies be conducted does not constitute a protest.

Procedure for Submitting Protests

Protests should be submitted on standard protest forms available from the Division of Water Rights' website at www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/ or upon request from the Division of Water Rights. A pamphlet that provides additional information relating to water rights and the procedure for filing protests is also available on the website or by mail. Any requests or the submittal of the completed protest form should be directed to the engineer listed as the contact person at the end of this notice. **A copy of the completed protest form must also be mailed to the petitioner.**

Protest Submittal Deadline

Protests submitted in response to this notice must be received by the Division by 3:00 p.m. on the **30th** day after the date of this notice (the close of the protest period). Protests may be submitted by any of the following methods:

1. Mailed to Division of Water Rights; P. O. Box 2000; Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
2. Faxed to the Division at (916) 341-5400
3. E-mailed to the engineer listed below under the heading "Contact Person"
4. Hand-delivered to the Division office located at 1001 "I" Street, 14th Floor, Sacramento, CA

If you choose to fax or e-mail the protest due to the constraints of the noticing period, the fax or e-mail must be followed by timely delivery of an original signed copy, either personally or by mail, to the Division of Water Rights in order for the protest to be accepted. The SWRCB will respond to all protests within 60 days of the final day to file a protest. **Protests not submitted by the close of the protest period will be subject to rejection.**

For good cause, the SWRCB may grant an extension of time to file a protest. It is the protestant's responsibility to contact the engineer listed below as "Contact Person" to request the extension prior to the end of the protest period.

Resolution of Protests

The applicant will have 30 days to respond to a protest once it is accepted by the Division of Water Rights. The protestant and the petitioner are expected to make a good faith effort to resolve the protest within 180 days from the close of the protest period.

This is a "minor" petition for change (the subject diversion is 3 cubic feet per second or less by direct diversion or 200 acre-feet or less per year by storage) as defined by section 1704.4 of the Water Code. Therefore, any protest issues not resolved by the petitioner or by provisions of section 1703.6 of the Water Code will be decided by the Chief, Division of Water Rights, following a field investigation.

CONTACT PERSON

To obtain additional information regarding this project, or to obtain copies of protest forms, or general information pamphlets, please contact Mitchell Moody by phone at (916) 341-5383 or by electronic mail at mmoody@waterrights.swrcb.ca.gov. Information and protest forms are also available at the Division's website: www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/.

Date of Notice: **January 2, 2004**