



MATTHEW RODRIQUEZ SECRETARY FOR

#### **State Water Resources Control Board**

June 25, 2014

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY TRACKING NO. 8770 9443 7634

Robert C. Mann (individual and trustee) Robert C. Mann 1999 Trust 29876 King Ridge Rd Cazadero, CA 95421

Dear Mr. Mann:

FAILURE TO SUBMIT NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR AT PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY UPON AND ADOPTION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AGAINST ROBERT MANN (INDIVIDUAL AND TRUSTEE) AND ROBERT C. MANN 1999 TRUST – SONOMA COUNTY

Robert Mann (individual and trustee) and Robert C. Mann 1999 Trust (collectively Mann) have failed to submit to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) a Notice of Intent to Appear for the **August 26-27**, **2014** Public Hearing to determine whether to issue a cease and desist order (CDO) against and whether to impose administrative civil liability (ACL) upon Mann.

You were mailed an ACL complaint and draft CDO dated June 14, 2012. In a letter dated July 2, 2012, you acknowledged receipt of the ACL complaint and draft CDO and requested a hearing. On April 18, 2014, Kathleen Groody, of my staff, sent a letter informing you that a hearing was tentatively scheduled for August 26 and 27, 2014, and directing you to inform her of any conflicts within ten days. Ms. Groody received no response.

On or about June 4, 2014, you received a Notice of Public Hearing (Notice), informing you that a public hearing would take place on August 26 and 27, 2014, and directing you to complete an enclosed Notice of Intent to Appear and submit it to Ms. Groody no later than 12:00 p.m. on June 19, 2014. The Notice further stated: "If Mann fails to submit a Notice of Intent to Appear by the deadline specified in this notice, the State Water Board will deem the request for a hearing regarding the issuance of a cease and desist order and imposition of administrative civil liability to be withdrawn, and the Board may adopt the draft CDO and impose administrative civil liability in the amount of \$66,000 without further notice."

Consequently, the State Water Board deems Mann's hearing request withdrawn and may adopt the draft CDO and impose ACL upon them in the amount of \$66,000 without further

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Robert C. Mann (individual and trustee) and the Robert C. Mann 1999 Trust

**<u>notice.</u>** If you did not intend to withdraw your hearing request, you must immediately submit a Notice of Intent to Appear to:

| By Mail:          | Division of Water Rights<br>State Water Resources Control Board<br>Attention: Michael Buckman<br>P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 |
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| By Hand Delivery: | Joe Serna, JrCal/EPA Building<br>1001 I Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814   |
| By Fax:           | (916) 341-5400  |
| By Email:         | wrhearing@waterboards.ca.gov<br>With Subject of "Mann Draft CDO and ACL Hearing"  |

In completing the Notice of Intent to Appear, you must check one of the following boxes: 1) "I/we plan to call the following witnesses to testify at the hearing" or 2) "I/we intend to participate by cross-examination or rebuttal only." If you plan to call witnesses, you must identify each one on the Notice of Intent to Appear and provide his or her: 1) name, 2) subject of proposed testimony, 3) estimated length of direct testimony, and 4) status as an expert witness. Please note that there are spaces on the Notice of Intent to Appear to provide this information.

In order to ensure adequate time to prepare for the hearing, the hearing officer has extended the deadline for the submittal of **receipt and service of witnesses' proposed testimony, exhibits, lists of exhibits, qualifications, and statement of service** until **12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2014**.

If I do not receive a Notice of Intent to Appear from you by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, the State Water Board will immediately issue a notice canceling the public hearing you requested and may immediately impose ACL upon Mann and adopt the draft CDO against Mann without further notice.

Should you desire to settle this matter, you may wish to contact Yvonne West, Senior Staff Counsel in the State Water Board's Office of Enforcement. Ms. West is counsel to the Prosecution Team in this matter and she can be reached by telephone at (916) 322-3626 or by e-mail at yvonne.west@waterboards.ca.gov.

Otherwise, if you have non-controversial procedural questions, you may contact Carlos Mejia, Staff Counsel in the State Water Board's Office of Chief Counsel. Mr. Mejia is counsel to the Hearing Team in this matter and he can be reached by telephone at (916) 341-5184 or carlos.mejia@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

ichu Michael Buckman

Senior Environmental Scientist Hearings Unit

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# Enclosure

ec: State Water Resources Control Board:

Carlos Mejia, Staff Counsel Office of Chief Counsel carlos.mejia@waterboards.ca.gov

ec: Yvonne West, Senior Staff Counsel Office of Enforcement yvonne.west@waterboards.ca.gov

> John O'Hagan, Assistant Deputy Director Permitting and Enforcement Section Division of Water Rights john.o'hagan@waterboards.ca.gov

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR

(name of party or participant)

plans to participate in the water right hearing regarding

Draft Cease and Desist Order and Administrative Civil Liability against

Robert Mann (individual and trustee) and Robert C. Mann 1999 Trust

## scheduled to commence Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and continuing, if necessary, on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

#### Check all that apply:

\_\_\_\_ I/we intend to present a policy statement only.

\_\_\_\_ I/we intend to participate by cross-examination or rebuttal only.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we <u>decline</u> electronic service of hearing-related materials.

//we plan to call the following witnesses to testify at the hearing.

| NAME | SUBJECT OF PROPOSED TESTIMONY | ESTIMATED<br>LENGTH OF<br>DIRECT<br>TESTIMONY | EXPERT<br>WITNESS<br>(YES/NO) |  |
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Name, Address, Phone Number and Fax Number of Attorney or Other Representative:

| Signature:          | <br>    | _ Dated:         | <br> |
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