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## State Water Resources Control Board

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To Whom It May Concern:

### **APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY LIMIT INCREASE FOR WATER RIGHT LICENSE 003394 (APPLICATION A011859) OF MERNER LUMBER COMPANY TO APPROPRIATE WATER FROM AN UNNAMED STREAM IN SONOMA COUNTY**

This Petition for Human Health and Safety Limit Increase (Petition) was submitted on August 18, 2021, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 23, Section 878.1(b)(2). The petition has been approved, in part.

The following summary constitutes the acceptable purposes for Human Health and Safety that are included in this Petition acceptance letter:

1. Domestic Household uses: 250 gallons per day (gpd)

Based upon currently available information, your diversions shall not exceed 250 gallons per day.

The following summary includes uses requested in your Petition that has not been approved.

2. Water supplies for Fire Protection: 350 gpd. Fire protection is not a use of water allowed by this right.

### **Instructions to Update Beneficial Uses of License #3394 (A011859)**

Currently, License 3394 only lists domestic and stockwatering as approved beneficial use types. In order to use water for fire protection uses, you must request an update to your right to add **fire protection** as a use, or otherwise demonstrate an alternate basis of right. This may qualify as a minor change that can be accomplished through the process described further at the webpage below.

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[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/petitions/minor\\_changes.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/petitions/minor_changes.html)

You may resubmit the Petition once you fire protection is included as an approved use if you wish to include the use with this approval.

### **Required Monthly Reporting – Russian River Continued Diversion Reporting**

MERNER LUMBER COMPANY is required to submit, under penalty of perjury, monthly reports of continued diversion. It is your responsibility to keep accurate records of your diversions and keep the State Water Board informed of your ongoing compliance with the terms of your registration. Reports must be submitted to the State Water Board through the Water Right Form and Survey Submittal Portal (Portal). Login credentials are associated with your registration record and were provided in your Curtailment Order letter. Those credentials are needed to complete your reporting requirement. To access the Portal, please visit: <https://public.waterboards.ca.gov/WRInfo>.

### **Monthly Reporting Instructions**

Login online to the Water Right Form and Survey Submittal Portal using your provided login credentials. Select “Russian River Diversion Data Reporting” from the available forms and click “Survey” to open the form. The Portal will instruct you to complete a series of questions detailing your continued diversion. After entering your diversion data, proceed through the form to finish and submit your monthly reporting. Once you submit the form, the Portal provides the option to “Show as PDF,” allowing you to save a copy of your report. Each month the form will be updated to include additional space to report new diversion data for the next month. For each month that you continue to divert, you must log in to the Portal to edit the form and report your diversion data for that month. If you have multiple water rights, you will need to log out of the Portal and log back in with the appropriate credentials for each water right. Reporting for each month is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

Monthly reporting will be required until the Curtailment Order has been lifted. Rescission or modification of the Curtailment Order will be posted on the Russian River Drought Response website: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/russian\\_river/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/russian_river/).

Updated information will also be issued through an email distribution list. You can subscribe to the “Russian River Drought” email list at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html)

### **Future Changes**

The Division of Water Rights retains the authority to require additional changes to diversion and water use activities pending new information or resources.

If you have any questions, please review the fact sheets and FAQs available on the Russian River Drought Response website listed above, or contact the Russian River

Drought Response Team at [RussianRiverDrought@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RussianRiverDrought@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-5318.

Sincerely,

*for*

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