

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE WATER RIGHTS BOARD

In the Matter of Application )  
18818 of Duncraggan Ranch, Inc., )  
to appropriate from Sonoma Creek )  
in Sonoma County )

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DECISION DENYING APPLICATION

Duncraggan Ranch, Inc., having filed Application 18818 for a permit to appropriate unappropriated water; protests having been received; the applicant and protestants having stipulated to proceedings in lieu of hearing as provided for by Title 23, California Administrative Code, Section 737; an investigation having been made by the State Water Rights Board pursuant to said stipulations; the Board having considered all available information and now being fully advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. Application 18818 is for a permit to appropriate 0.33 cubic foot per second from Sonoma Creek in Sonoma County from May 1 to October 15 of each year for irrigation purposes at a point of diversion located south 2,640 feet and west 480 feet from the northeast corner of projected Section 27, T6N, R6W, MDB&M.

2. The mean monthly flows in cubic feet per second of Sonoma Creek during the applicant's diversion season, as computed from the available 1955-59 records of USGS "Sonoma Creek at

Boyes Hot Spring" gaging station, located approximately two miles below the applicant's point of diversion, are as follows:

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
17.6	4.9	1.34	0.36	0.67	8.1

3. Diversions by known water users from Sonoma Creek below said gaging station under claim of prior vested rights aggregate 2.24 cubic feet per second during the applicant's diversion season. There has not been sufficient water to satisfy these diversions during the months of July, August and September.

4. As the application is for irrigation purposes, a permit for the remainder of the diversion season would be of little or no value to the applicant, particularly in view of the fact that the applicant is now supplying the place of use described in the application under an apparently valid riparian right to the source.

5. The evidence indicates, and the Board finds, that there is not sufficient unappropriated water existing in Sonoma Creek to warrant approval of Application 18818.

From the foregoing findings, the Board concludes that Application 18818 should be denied.

The records, documents, and other data relied upon in determining the matter are: Application 18818 and all relevant information on file therewith, particularly the report of the field investigation made April 28, 1960; the files of License 246 (Application 1497); License 1905 (Application 6512); License 1833 (Application 7834); License 2811 (Application 9881); and Permit 10965 (Application 17279); United States Geological Survey,

Santa Rosa, Sonoma and Mare Island Quadrangles, 15-minute series, dated 1954, 1951, and 1947, respectively; United States Geological Survey Water Supply Papers "Surface Water Supply of the United States, Part 11, Pacific Slope Basins in California".

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Application 18818 be, and the same is, denied.

Adopted as the decision and order of the State Water Rights Board at a meeting duly called and held at Sacramento, California, on the            day of            , 1961.

Kent Silverthorne, Chairman

Ralph J. McGill, Member