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# State Water Resources Control Board

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## NOTICE OF PETITIONS REQUESTING CHANGES IN WATER RIGHT PERMITS FOR SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY BY ADDING POINTS OF DIVERSION FOR OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AND TOWN OF WINDSOR

PERMITS 12947A, 12949, 12950, AND 16596  
(APPLICATIONS 12919A, 15736, 15737 AND 19351)

**DATES PETITIONS FILED:** October 18, 2002 (Occidental Community Services District)  
May 11, 2004 (Town of Windsor)

COUNTY: **Sonoma**

STREAM SYSTEM: **Russian River**

Notice is hereby given that the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) has petitioned the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to amend water right Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950 and 16596 (Applications 12919A, 15736, 15737 and 19351) by adding points of diversion and rediversion to its permits.

The State Water Board will determine the validity of the petition requests and whether the water right permits will be amended and, if so, whether conditions should be included in the amended permits to protect the environment and downstream water users. This notice, future notices of water appropriation applications, and petitions for change, corrections, or extensions of time may be viewed and printed at the Division of Water Rights website, [www.waterrights.ca.gov](http://www.waterrights.ca.gov). Any correspondence to the petitioner should be mailed to:

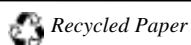
Sonoma County Water Agency  
c/o Randy D. Poole  
General Manager/Chief Engineer  
P. O. Box 11628  
Santa Rosa, CA 95406

### Project Description

SCWA proposes to add new points of diversion and rediversion for (1) the intake facilities of Occidental Community Services District (Occidental Town Well No. 1) and (2) the Town of Windsor (Windsor Wells Nos. 10 and 11). SCWA also requests Windsor Well No. 6 be

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renamed Windsor Well No. 9 in its permits and that the locations of Windsor Wells Nos. 7, 8, and 9 be corrected to conform to GPS survey results.

This is a "major" project (greater than three cubic feet per second by direct diversion or 200 acre-feet by storage) as defined by Water Code section 1348.

### **Petition Information**

SCWA's petitions involve the following permits:

- Permit 12947A is for direct diversion of 92 cubic feet per second (cfs) for the East Fork Russian River and storage of 122,500 acre-feet per annum (afa) in Lake Mendocino from January 1 through December 31 of each year. The purposes of use are domestic, irrigation, municipal, industrial, and recreation.
- Permit 12949 is for 20 cfs to be directly diverted year-round from the Russian River at the Wohler and Mirabel Park Intakes near Forestville. The purposes of use are domestic, municipal, and industrial.
- Permit 12950 is for 60 cfs to be directly diverted from the Russian River at the Wohler and Mirabel Park Intakes near Forestville from April 1 through September 30 of each year. The purposes of use are domestic, irrigation, and municipal.
- Permit 16596 is for (1) year-round direct diversion of 180 cfs from the Russian River and (2) storage of 245,000 afa in Lake Sonoma from October 1 of each year to May 1 of the succeeding year. The purposes of use are domestic, municipal, industrial, and recreation.

The place of use for the above permits is the service area for SCWA, and for Permit 12947A the place of use also includes Lake Mendocino.

### **Petition to Add Occidental Town Well No. 1**

SCWA has petitioned to add Occidental Town Well No. 1 as a point of diversion and rediversion for its above listed permits. The new point of diversion will be located adjacent to the Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District well in the town of Monte Rio. The requested point of diversion and rediversion is an offset well diverting the underflow of the Russian river. Water will be delivered to Occidental through the Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District system. SCWA expects no change in land use, water use, or place of use as a result of this proposed change.

Proposed point of diversion/redirection: California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North 292,580 and East 1,711,590

Petition to Change Points of Diversion/Rediversion for Town of Windsor

SCWA has petitioned to add Town of Windsor Wells Nos. 10 and 11 and rename Windsor Well No. 6 to Windsor Well No. 9. The petition also seeks to correct the location of existing Windsor Wells Nos. 7, 8 and renamed Well No. 9 to conform to GPS survey findings. The new points of diversion will be offset wells diverting the underflow of the Russian River and will be constructed within 200 feet of the existing well field. Additional water mains will be constructed to connect the new wells to Windsor's water supply system. The petition states that the majority of construction activities will be confined to previously developed areas and a vineyard perimeter road. SCWA expects no change in land use, water use, or place of use as a result of this proposed change.

Proposed additional points of diversion/rediversion for Town of Windsor, all within California Coordinate System Zone 2:

Windsor Well No.	North Coordinate	East Coordinate
10	324,968	1,755,519
11	324,878	1,755,480

Corrected points of diversion/rediversion for Town of Windsor, all within California Coordinate System Zone 2:

Windsor Well No.	North Coordinate	East Coordinate
7	324,736	1,755,408
8	324,657	1,755,384
9	324,805	1,755,418

**Environmental Information**

Occidental Community Services District and Town of Windsor, as lead agencies under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and its guidelines have adopted mitigated negative declarations for the above projects. If you are not filing a protest, but wish to submit information not covered in the lead agency's environmental document that indicates that the projects may cause a significant effect on the environment, please send this information immediately to Steven Herrera; State Water Board, 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 State Water Board.

All protests must clearly describe the objections to approval of the petition, and the factual basis for those objections. For example, if the objection is based on injury to existing water rights, the protest must describe the specific injury to the existing water right that would result from approval of the changes proposed by the petition. In addition, the party claiming injury to prior water rights must provide specific information that describes the basis of the existing right, the date the use began, the quantity of water use, the purpose of use, and the place of use. Protests based on environmental impacts, public interest, legality, or jurisdictional issues must be accompanied by a statement of facts supporting the basis of the protest. If sufficient information is not submitted, the State Water Board 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. **The Division will not accept protests that are directed against the underlying water right, rather than the changes proposed by the petition.**

### **Procedure for Submitting Protests**

Protests should be submitted on standard protest forms available from the Division's website at [www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/](http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/) or upon request from the Division. 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 Contact Person listed at the end of this notice. **A copy of the completed protest form must also be mailed to the petitioner and should include a description of any measures that could be taken to resolve the protest.**

### **Protest Submittal Deadline**

Protests submitted in response to this notice must be **received by the Division by 3:00 p.m. on April 30, 2007** (the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Contact Person listed below
4. Hand-delivered to the Division office located at 1001 "I" Street, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 in order for the protest to be accepted. The State Water Board 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 State Water Board 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 petitioners will have 30 days to respond to a protest once the Division accepts it. The protestant and the applicant are expected to make a good faith effort to resolve the protest within 180 days from the close of the protest period.

### **Contact Person**

To obtain additional information regarding these petitions, or to obtain copies of protest forms, or general information pamphlets, please contact Luann Erickson by phone at (916) 341-5318 or by electronic mail at [lerickson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:lerickson@waterboards.ca.gov). Information and protest forms are also available at the Division's website: [www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/](http://www.waterrights.ca.gov/forms/).

Date of Notice: **March 30, 2007**