

## State Water Resources Control Board

JAN 31 2012

Russian River Watershed Conservation Council  
Mr. Pete Opatz, President  
855 Bordeaux Way, Suite 100  
Napa, CA 94558

Dear Mr. Opatz:

### WATER DEMAND MANGEMENT PROGRAM FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE RUSSIAN RIVER FROST PROTECTION REGULATION, SONOMA COUNTY

Thank you for submitting your Water Demand Management Program (WDMP) for the Russian River watershed in Sonoma County to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board), Division of Water Rights (Division). Based on your submittal it appears that this WDMP will manage the diversion of water for frost protection for participants who diverted water from the main stem Russian River, all tributaries in Sonoma County, and from groundwater. Division staff has reviewed your proposal and finds that it identifies the governing body as the Russian River Watershed Conservation Council, it identifies the current participants in the program, their frost acreage and sources of water, and it has a schedule for completing the frost inventory, developing and implementing a stream-stage monitoring program and conducting a risk assessment. Division staff also confirmed that you have already contacted National Marine Fishery Service staff and discussed further meetings for consultation. Division staff concludes that your WDMP submittal is complete and meets the requirements for the initial WDMP submittal as outlined in the State Water Board's Resolution No. 2011-0047. I concur with Division staff's conclusion and hereby approve your initial WDMP. Please note that my approval is made with the understanding that you will cooperate with other State Water Board approved WDMPs and will exchange information for the annual risk assessments of the potential for salmonid stranding mortality from cumulative diversions of water for frost protection.

The next submittal due to the State Water Board is a three month inventory update. You will need to provide, for each participant in your WDMP, the location of the point(s) of diversion, a description of the diversion system and its capacity, and acreage frost protected by means other than water diverted from the Russian River stream system. Please make sure that your participants include all of their sources used for frost protection purposes. Your three month update is due on May 1, 2012 (3-months from the date of this letter).

I understand that you will have other diverters within the area represented by your WDMP joining your program following receipt of my approval. I request that you provide Division staff with updates of the new participants, their frost acreage and their sources on a schedule convenient for you, though such information should be provided prior to these new participants diverting water for frost protection in the upcoming frost protection season.

CHARLES R. HOPPIN, CHAIRMAN | THOMAS HOWARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Thank you for your cooperation and diligence towards complying with the Russian River Frost Protection Regulation. Should you have any questions please contact Mr. John O'Hagan of my staff at (916) 341-5368 or by email at [johagan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:johagan@waterboards.ca.gov). Written correspondence should be addressed as follows:

State Water Resources Control Board  
Russian River Frost Regulation  
Attn: John O'Hagan  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Sincerely,

Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director  
Division of Water Rights

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