

Summary

Alternative Compliance Plan for Water Right (S001028)

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INTRODUCTION

See [Information and Instruction Sheet](#) for assistance in completing this form. The form shall be completed by the water right owner, their agent, or for an Alternative Compliance Plan filed for a group, the designated contact. The vast majority of water right owners should be able to meet the measurement requirements. Participation in an Alternative Compliance Plan does not relieve the participant of the independent obligation to file an online annual Report of Water Diversion and Use.

All sections of the form below must be completed. An incomplete form does not excuse non-compliance with the regulation or release you from the obligation to measure. The Alternative Compliance Plan may not be used to avoid measurement and monitoring, but should be used to describe an alternative method of measurement and monitoring which will provide the information required by the Regulation. Estimated diversion records may not meet the Regulation's accuracy requirements without supporting documentation.

Note: The large text boxes in the form have a character limit of 2,000 characters. Responses requiring more than 2,000 characters for a particular text box should be submitted as an attachment in Section I of this form. Additional information should be attached in Section I.

SECTION A - WATER RIGHT OWNER INFORMATION

This section of the form describes the information that is required for each water right or claimed right covered under the Alternative Compliance Plan.

In Section I, attach a table (in Microsoft Excel .xlsx, comma-separated .csv, or tab-separated .txt format) containing the Application or Statement Number for each water right covered under the Alternative Compliance Plan. For your water right, answer the questions below.

(1) Owner Name(s) *	<input type="text" value="Ralphs Ranches, Inc"/>
(2) Email Address *	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
(3) Phone Number *	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
(4) Mailing Address Line 1 *	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
(5) Mailing Address Line 2:	<input type="text"/>
(6) City *	<input type="text" value="Fall River Mills"/>
(7) State *	<input type="text" value="Ca"/>
(8) Zip Code *	<input type="text" value="96028"/>



(9) Is the Water Right Owner also the Primary Contact? *

Yes

No



On questions 10 through 13, please tell us what you understand the requirements of the regulation to be for this water right to be.

(9) Installation Deadline *

January 1, 2017

- July 1, 2017
- January 1, 2018

(10) Measurement Accuracy *

- 10%
- 15%
- Other, as specified in the Alternative Compliance Plan (if submitted)

(11) Required Monitoring Frequency *

- Hourly
- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly

(12) Qualifications of the Individual Installing/Certifying *

- A California Licensed Professional Engineer (PE), a person working under the supervision of a California PE, a California-licensed contractor authorized by the State License Board for C- 57 well drilling or C- 61 Limited Specialty/D-21 Machinery and Pumps, or a Hydrologist or Engineer employed by a Federal Agency
- A person trained and experienced in water measurement (for diversions of less than 100 acre-feet per year - no specific training is required; the person using any equipment and reporting the information must know how to use the equipment and submit correct information)

SECTION B - INFORMATION ON PRIMARY CONTACT

This section of the form includes the contact information for the primary contact associated with the Alternative Compliance Plan.

(1) Name(s): *

(2) Phone Number: *

(3) Email Address: *

(4) Mailing Address Line 1: *

(5) Mailing Address Line 2:

(6) City: *

(7) State: *

(8) Zip Code: *

(8) The Alternative Compliance Plan Primary Contact is a(n): *

- Water Right Owner
- Agent

Designated Contact

SECTION C - INFORMATION ON QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL

This section of the form includes the contact information for the Qualified Individual certifying the Alternative Compliance Plan.

(1) Name(s): *

Jim Rickert

(2) Phone Number: *

[REDACTED]

(3) Email Address: *

[REDACTED]

(4) Mailing Address Line 1: *

[REDACTED]

(5) Mailing Address Line 2:

(6) City: *

Fall River Mills

(7) State: *

Ca

(8) Zip Code: *

96028

(9) The qualifications of the individual certifying the Alternative Compliance Plan are: *

- California Licensed Professional Engineer (PE)
- Person working under the supervision of a California Professional Engineer
- California-licensed contractor authorized by the State License Board for C- 57 well drilling or C-61 Limited Specialty/D-21 Machinery and Pumps
- Hydrologist or Engineer employed by a Federal Agency
- Person trained and experienced in water measurement (for diversions of less than 100 acre-feet per year - no specific training is required; the person using any equipment and reporting the information must know how to use the equipment and submit correct information)

(10) Qualifying Individual's PE or Contractor license number, if applicable:

SECTION D - REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE

Water right holders who divert more than 10 acre-feet of water per year are required to measure the water they divert. A diverter may choose any measuring device, or combination of devices, that meet the measurement and monitoring requirements of the regulation. The measurement requirements are summarized on the [Reporting and Measurement Webpage](#) .

For each box checked in questions 1a through 3 below, submit a detailed explanation and attach substantiating documentation.



(1a) Diverter is seeking alternative compliance from the requirement(s) checked below. *

- Measuring Device Location
- Required Accuracy
- Certification of Accuracy
- Installation and Maintenance
- Monitoring Frequency
- Telemetry
- Other (describe in Section 1b)

(1b) Provide additional information for each of the reasons selected in question 1a: *

See 2A below.

(5000 character max.)



(2a) Alternative compliance is being pursued because strict compliance with one or more of the requirements for measuring and monitoring (check all that apply): *

- Is not feasible.
- Would unreasonably affect public trust resources.*
- Is unreasonably expensive.**
- Would result in the waste or unreasonable use of water.

* Including fish, wildlife, recreation, navigation, and aesthetic values.

** Plans claiming that strict compliance is unreasonably expensive shall be accompanied by an attached supporting cost analysis. The cost analysis should compare the cost of the proposed alternate measuring devices to the cost of the measurement devices required by the Regulation. All Plans shall include a budget and shall identify sources of financing. The budget should provide sufficient detail to show the cost of the proposed alternate measuring devices, the cost of obtaining any necessary permits, and the cost of installation.

(2b) Provide additional information for each justification selected in question 2a: *

Prather Creek is located in Butte Valley, Siskiyou County California. The creek originates in a series of remote springs on our land and runs down the mountain in a series of streams. There are many springs located a high elevations in a heavy snowfall area. The creek enters our fields on the valley floor. The creek enters a channelized ditch and mixes with groundwater pumped from our irrigation wells. The combined groundwater/surface water is diverted onto our pastures. Butte Valley is a closed basin with no connection to the ocean. We are the only irrigation user on the stream. In the past we have made estimates of water diversions and used them to fill out our statement of Water Diversion. We request that we be allowed to continue to make estimates and not measure our water use.

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(3a) Alternative compliance is requested under the following categories (check all that apply): *

- Highly variable flow rate at point of diversion.
- Point of diversion is inaccessible a portion of the year due to weather or other on-site conditions.
- Point of diversion is under tidal influence
- There is an existing measuring device or measurement method in use.
- Water is corrosive to measurement equipment.
- The diversion is measured by another entity (identify entity and method of measurement used).
- Other (provide complete description in section 3b)

(3b) Provide additional information for each of the categories selected in question 3a: *

The ranch ranges from 4,500 feet on the valley floor to over 8,000 feet on Ball Mountain. The creek does not connect to the ocean. The creek supplies irrigation to high mountain meadows. The creek flows in multiple locations and often moves some distance in high flow events. It would not be feasible to maintain a measuring device on the creek.

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(4) Alternative Compliance Plans shall include alternative, objective measurement and performance standards that achieve the closest attainable compliance. Describe the measurement or alternative to measurement that will be used at each point of diversion in the plan to achieve closest attainable compliance. *

We propose to continue estimating our water diversion from land use and crop use models.

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SECTION E - AREA COVERED BY THE ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE PLAN

Summarize the following for each water right covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan. In Section I, attach maps, aerial photographs, or other renderings showing the area covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan and delineating the acreage of each place of use served. For the area covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan, include a list of assessor's parcel numbers and the current owner of each parcel.

(1) Provide a general description of the area covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan. *

The Prather Ranch is located in the south west corner of Butte Valley, in Siskiyou County at the base of Ball Mountain. The ranch consists of a large meadow and irrigated pastures. Prather Creek is a combination snow melt and spring creek. The Prather Ranch is the only surface water user on the creek. It filed water rights on the creek in the 1882 (Book 2 of Water Rights, page 57). The creek nearly runs dry in dry years so the ranch has historically used nearly all of the flow of the stream. During the winter months creek water is diverted to a wet meadow area where it forms a shallow wetland for waterfowl habitat.

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(2) Describe all diversion and conveyance works covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan. *

The creek and its springs and tributaries flow into a big ditch that flows through the ranch. There are irrigation wells and tailwater pumps that also supply water to the ditch. The irrigation water is applied to the meadows through a series of pipelines and ditches. Both surface and groundwater are commingle in the ditch.

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(3) Describe the type(s) of Beneficial Use(s). *

They include irrigation, waterfowl habitat, stockwater and domestic water for our houses.

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(4) Have you attached a list of assessor's parcel numbers and the current owner of each parcel covered by the Alternative Compliance Plan? (Attachments may be made under Section I of this form.) *

Yes | No

SECTION F - MEASUREMENT AND MONITORING

(1) For each Point of Diversion listed in the Alternative Compliance Plan, describe how the water is measured. *

Not Measured

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(2) Identify the measurement accuracy associated with the measurement devices. *

Not Measured

(5000 character max.)

(3) Describe how the accuracy of the Alternative Compliance Plan was calculated. *

Not Measured

(5000 character max.)

SECTION G - IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE (IF NECESSARY)

(1) If applicable, describe the implementation schedule for the Alternative Compliance Plan, including objective milestones from date of filing through final implementation. Milestones should include date of completion for construction and testing, expected dates of issuance of required permits, and expected date for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act:

We propose to continue to use estimates for water use.

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An Alternative Compliance Plan shall be submitted and implemented by the established regulatory deadlines (see form instructions for additional information) unless a Request for Additional Time has been granted.

SECTION H - OTHER PERMITS

(1) Describe any other permits required to implement the Alternative Compliance Plan. Include information on the agency that will issue the permit, and the expected date of issuance.

None

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SECTION I - ATTACHMENTS



(1) Attach documents that support the Alternative Compliance Plan.

(Uploaded files:)

[Prather Creek Water Right.pdf](#)

(2) Provide a brief description of the attached documents.

1. Water Rights Filing 2. AP Numbers HEADQUARTERS RANCH: (SISKIYOU COUNTY) Land deeded to Ralphs Ranches, Inc and Shasta Meadows inc.(a sister company) ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. ACRES 011-260 -010 435 011-260-030 472 011-260-060 472 011-260-070 40 011-260-120 80 011-260-130 320 003-150-060 160 003-160-210 580 003-160-220 220 003-160-230 160 003-160-390 40 SUBTOTAL 2,979.0

(5000 character max.)

SECTION J - IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES

Each participant in an Alternative Compliance Plan (Plan) must sign this form or an "opt-in" form that must be retained by the Plan manager. Attach a listing of participants, as needed, in Microsoft Excel .xlsx, comma-separated .csv, or tab-separated .txt format. By signing this form or the Plan's "opt-in" form, each Plan participant acknowledges that the Plan will be timely implemented and that the measurement of diversions will substantially comply with the Measurement Regulation. Further, each Plan participant acknowledges that the water rights covered by the Plan will not be exercised outside the scope of the Plan. Each Plan participant is responsible for promptly informing the Division of Water Rights or Delta Watermaster, as appropriate, if the participant withdraws from the Plan. The Plan manager is responsible for promptly informing the Division of Water Rights or the Delta Watermaster, as appropriate, if the Plan is modified or abandoned or if the Implementation Schedule is adjusted.

I hereby certify that the information in this Alternative Compliance Plan is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the Alternative Compliance Plan is in compliance with the requirements of Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 2.8, Section 931 through 938 of the California Code of Regulations. *

Yes | No

Printed Name *

Jim Rickert

Division of Water Rights and Delta Watermaster staff may or may not evaluate the contents of an Alternative Compliance Plan at the time of receipt. Staff will initially determine if all the information has been filled out, and accept the Alternative Compliance Plan as complete or return it as incomplete. An Alternative Compliance Plan may be reviewed for compliance purposes at any time or as part of a systematic audit.