

State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Minor Change to Water Right Application A031305

A minor change has been initiated under Water Code section 1700.4 to make minor changes to water right application A031305 of Surprise Valley Ranch, Inc. The project associated with the application and minor changes is in Mendocino County and would divert water from the Albion River stream system.

Summary of Water Right Application A031305

Date of Filing: The application was filed with the State Water Board on March 14, 2002.

Sources of Water: The sources of water are an (1) Unnamed Stream tributary to the North Fork Albion River thence the Albion River and (2) the North Fork Albion River tributary to the Albion River.

Season of Diversion: The season for diversion of water is from October 1 of each year through May 31 of the succeeding year.

Diversion Method and Amount: Water will be diverted by collection to storage at points of diversion 1, 2, and 3, and diverted to offstream storage at points of diversion 2 and 4. The maximum amount of water requested for diversion will be limited to 97 acre-feet per year.

Points of Diversion: Water will be diverted from 4 points:

- Point of Diversion 1. Old Pond Dam is a point of diversion by collection to storage located at North 2,234,048 feet and East 6,114,960 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- Point of Diversion 2. Vineyard Pond Dam is a point of diversion by collection to storage located at North 2,232,372 feet and East 6,113,885 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 16 North, Range 15 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

- Point of Diversion 3. Recreation Pond Dam is a point of diversion by collection to storage located at North 2,231,431 feet and East 6,114,764 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 16 North, Range 15 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- Point of Diversion 4. The Stockwatering Pond Diversion is a point of diversion to offstream storage located at North 2,233,406 feet and East 6,112,054 feet by California Coordinate System, Zone 2, North American Datum 1983, within the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 16 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Purposes of Use: The purposes of use for water are domestic, irrigation, frost protection, stockwatering, and fire protection.

Places of Use: The place of use for domestic use is at 3 homes. The place of use for stockwatering is at the reservoirs. The place of use for fire protection is for parcels 021-120-83-00, 125-040-46-00, 021-370-68-00, 125-100-04-00, and 021-370-67-00. The place of use for irrigation is 3 acres of gardens associated with the homes and, along with frost protection, 100 acres of vineyard within the following:

- Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 16 West;
- Section 6, Township 16 North, Range 15 West;
- Section 31, Township 17 North, Range 15 West; and,
- Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 16 West;

All within Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Summary of Minor Change

Sources of Water: The sources of water will not change.

Season of Diversion: The season for diversion of water will not change.

Diversion Method and Amount: The diversion method will be changed to remove diversion to offstream storage at point of diversion 4, and the maximum amount of water requested for diversion has been changed to 67 acre-feet per year.

Points of Diversion: The points where water will be diverted have been changed by removing point of diversion 4.

Purposes of Use: The purposes of use for water will not change.

Places of Use: The place of use for irrigation and frost protection use will change by reducing the vineyard from 100 acres to 53 acres.

Water Rights Records Database

Documentation related to the application and minor changes is available by accessing the State Water Board's electronic Water Rights Information Management System (eWRIMS) database:

- Go to <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ewrims/>
- Select "eWRIMS Database System" to open the eWRIMS Database
- Select "Accept" to accept the Public Records Act notice
- Select "Water Rights Records Search"
- Enter the application number in the "Application ID" field, then select "Search"
- Select the application number on the left side of the results to open the record
 - Select "View Document" to see the application and related documentation
 - Select "View Map" to see the application map
 - Select the "Map It" button to open the record in the eWRIMS Geographic Information System viewer

Procedure for Filing Comments

Pursuant to Water Code section 1700.4, any interested person may submit comments regarding the proposed minor change. Comments should be submitted via email to the staff contact listed below but may also be submitted via regular mail or hand delivered. If comments are sent by mail or hand delivered, please provide a courtesy email to the staff contact listed below. For hand delivery, please contact the State Water Board's Water Rights Records Room at dwr@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5300 to make an appointment. Comments must be received by the Division of Water Rights or postmarked by **June 19, 2025**.

Contact Information

Correspondence and questions regarding this notice should be sent to Monica Vazquez at Monica.Vazquez@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 319-0613. Correspondence sent by mail should be addressed as follows:

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights,
Attn: Monica Vazquez, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Date of Notice: The date that this public notice was issued is June 4, 2025.