

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY STATE WATER RESOURCES
CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

In the Matter of Minor Change Request
North Marin Water District

ORDER APPROVING A MINOR CHANGE TO PERMIT 19724 (APPLICATION 25062)

SOURCE: Lagunitas Creek

COUNTY: Marin

WHEREAS:

North Marin Water District filed a Minor Change Request with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) on June 29, 2022. Permit 19724 allows a maximum diversion rate of 0.699 cubic foot per second from January 1 to December 31 of each year from Lagunitas Creek.

North Marin Water District requested a Minor Change to modify Permit 19724 by adding a point of diversion known as the Gallagher Well No. 2. Gallagher Well No. 2 is existing and will supplement other wells under Permit 19724 to increase the Gallagher Well site's capacity as some of the wells are under the influence of flows in the tidal reach of Lagunitas Creek and subject to periodic salinity intrusion and occasional flooding.

The Minor Change request was noticed on October 25, 2022, by posting on the State Water Board's website and emailing the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The notice period ended on November 9, 2022, and no comments were received.

The proposed changes meet the requirements provided by Water Code section 1700.6. The Minor Change involves a minor adjustment to the points of diversion, will not result in an increase in consumptive use, and does not have the potential to adversely affect the water supply of other legal users of water or instream beneficial uses.

North Marin Water District completed an Initial Study (Gallagher Wells and Pipeline Project, SCH No. 2009032086, dated March 2009) and an Addendum (Gallagher Well No. 2 Installation: CEQA Addendum, dated January 6, 2021). The Addendum concluded that the Gallagher Well No. 2 Project would not result in new or more severe significant impacts than described in the 2009 Initial Study. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration is needed.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-0029, the State Water Board has delegated authority to the Deputy Director for Water Rights (Deputy Director) to issue change orders under specific circumstances. (Resolution No. 2012-0029, section 4.2.5.) Resolution No. 2012-0029 authorizes the Deputy Director to redelegate this authority, and this authority has been so redelegated by memorandum dated April 20, 2023.

THEREFORE, THE REQUEST TO MAKE A MINOR CHANGE TO PERMIT 19724 IS APPROVED AND PERMIT 19724 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Current Water Right Conditions:

Points of Diversion:

Coast Guard Well 1: By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 3, North 2,219,905 feet, and East 5,900,081 feet, being within the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of projected Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 9 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDB&M).

Coast Guard Well 2: By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 3, North 2,219,909 feet, and East 5,900,069 feet, being within the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of projected Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 9 West, MDB&M.

Coast Guard Well 3: By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 3, North 2,219,912 feet, and East 5,900,050 feet, being within the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of projected Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 9 West, MDB&M.

Downey Well: By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 3, North 2,222,409 feet, and East 5,901,065 feet, being within the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of projected Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 9 West, MDB&M.

Gallagher Well No. 1: By California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 3, North 2,223,665 feet, and East 5,904,382 feet, being within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of projected Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 8 West, MDB&M.

Purposes of Use and Places of Use:

Municipal use within Annexation No. 3 service area of the North Marin Water District within Townships 2 and 3 North, Ranges 8 and 9 West, MDB&M, as shown on map dated February 7, 2007, filed with the State Water Board.

Fish and Wildlife Enhancement at stream segment between the Point of Diversion located by California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 3, North 2,219,905 feet and East 5,900,081 feet, being within the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of projected Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 9 West, MDB&M (upstream limit), and the confluence of Lagunitas Creek and Tomales Bay (downstream limit).

New Water Right Conditions:

Additional Point of Diversion:

Gallagher Well No. 2, by California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 3, North 2,224,112 feet, and East 5,904,361 feet, being within the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of projected Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 8 West, MDB&M, as shown on map dated March 2026.

No changes to other Points of Diversion.

Place of Use:

No changes.

Purpose of Use:

No changes.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Juliet Christian-Smith, Deputy Director Division of Water Rights

Dated: March 27, 2026