
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research,
1400 Tenth Street Room 113, Sacramento, California 95814

From: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights,
Post Office Box 2000, Sacramento, California 95812-2000

Subject: Filing of Notice of Exemption in compliance with
Public Resources Code section 21108

Public Agency Information

Name: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights,
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What is the public agency's role? Lead Agency

Project Information

Title: Water Right Permit Application A033408 and Petition for Change and
Instream Flow Dedication for License 10324 (A023120)

Applicant: Husch Vineyards, Inc.

Location: The project is located on the property of Husch Vineyards, Inc. at 4400
Hwy 128, Philo, CA in Mendocino County.

Description: The project involves the diversion and beneficial use of water from the
Navarro River. The application proposes the diversion to offstream
storage of up to 12 acre-feet of water per year at a rate not to exceed
0.218 cubic foot per second from December 15 of each year to March 14
of the succeeding year. The license authorizes the direct diversion and
diversion to offstream storage of up to 84 afy at a rate not to exceed 0.218
cfs from March 15 to September 1 of each year. The petition proposes to
change the purpose of use and place of use for diverted water, and
dedicate a portion of the water to instream uses in the Navarro River.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Exemptions

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board as Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on November 19, 2025 and has independently concluded that such approval is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the following reasons:

1. The project meets the Class 1 categorical exemption for existing facilities. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301.) The project involves negligible or no expansion of use beyond what existed at the time the State Water Board approved the change.
2. The project meets the Class 33 categorical exemption for small habitat restoration projects. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15333.) The proposed diversion of water during the wet season and dedication of water during the dry season will allow for the dedication of water to instream flow for the benefit of fish.
3. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061, subd. (b)(3).)

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Date: November 19, 2025