

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: Project Title: Lead Agency: Contact Name: Email: Phone Number: Project Location:
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Town of Windsor is applying for a 5-year temporary water rights permit from the State Water Resources Control Board to divert up to 200 acre-feet annually of alluvial groundwater underflow from the Russian River during high-flow periods between December 1 and April 30 in calendar years 2027 through 2031. Diversion would occur at a rate of up to 1 cubic foot per second using the Town's existing Russian River wells. The diverted water would be conveyed through the Town's distribution system, treated, and stored in an underground aquifer as part of a previously approved Aquifer Storage and Recovery pilot test. The water diversion would rely entirely on existing infrastructure and would not involve ground disturbance, excavation, or new construction.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The project would implement conditions required under the proposed five-year temporary diversion permit, established by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, which would limit diversions to periods when unappropriated flows are available and instream flow thresholds are met. Under these conditions, the proposed diversion would represent approximately 0.2 to 0.4 percent of total river flow during permitted diversion periods. Given the temporary and small-scale nature of the diversion, its restriction to high-flow periods, and the absence of physical alteration to the riverbed or banks, the project would not substantially reduce natural flows in the Russian River. With implementation of these conditions, potential impacts to special-status aquatic species, sensitive natural communities, jurisdictional waters, and migratory fish would be less than significant.

Additionally, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria expressed concern that impacts to a Tribal Cultural Resource could occur. Mitigation includes development and implementation of a Tribal Cultural Resources Treatment Plan in consultation with the Tribe.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

CDFW has identified potential areas of controversy related to the project's impact on biological resources. Specifically, concerns center on ensuring that adequate instream flows are maintained to support sensitive aquatic species. In addition, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria expressed concern that impacts to a Tribal Cultural Resource could occur.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The following agencies may be Responsible Agencies or Trustee Agencies under CEQA and may need to issue approvals for the project.

- State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board