

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RIGHTS BOARD

In the Matter of Application 18321)
of Helen N. and John P. Owens to)
Appropriate from Long Hollow in)
Nevada County)

Decision D 993

ADOPTED MAR 6 '61

DECISION DENYING APPLICATION

Helen N. and John P. Owens having filed Application 18321 for a permit to appropriate unappropriated water; protests having been received; the applicants and protestants having stipulated to proceedings in lieu of hearing as provided for by Title 23, California Administrative Code, Section 737; an investigation having been made by the State Water Rights Board pursuant to said stipulation; the Board, having considered all available information and now being fully advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. Application 18321 is for a permit to appropriate 0.1 cubic foot per second from Long Hollow in Nevada County year-round for irrigation, domestic, stockwatering and recreational purposes within the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, T14N, R8E, MDB&M.

2. Long Hollow flows into Wolf Creek which joins Bear River farther downstream. Protestant Camp Far West Irrigation District diverts from Bear River at its Camp Far West

Dam and Reservoir approximately 13 miles below the confluence of Bear River and Wolf Creek and approximately 16 miles below the applicants' point of diversion.

3. Mean monthly flows (cfs) of Bear River for the period 1940-1958 computed from the records of USGS station "Near Auburn", located above the confluence of Bear River and Wolf Creek, are as follows:

Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
7.14	137	479	652	710	734	682	338	87.9	11.7	5.50	4.27

4. Mean monthly flows (cfs) of Wolf Creek for the period 1956 through 1959 as recorded by Department of Water Resources gaging station "Near Wolf, California", located on Wolf Creek between its junction with Long Hollow and its junction with Bear Creek, are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1956-57									26.3	7.5	6.3	14.2
1957-58	26.2	34.1	105	231	526	471	557	48.4	24.1	14.0	7.6	14.4
1958-59	15.3	26.1	24.1	--	--	--	32.9	13.6	6.0	2.7	2.2	17.2

5. There is little or no accretion to Bear River from the small intermittent contributing streams between its confluence with Wolf Creek and Camp Far West Reservoir.

6. Protestant Camp Far West Irrigation District holds Licenses 385, 2266, 2267, and 2740 for an aggregate of 25 cfs by direct diversion between April 1 and October 1 of each year and 5,000 acre-feet per annum by storage between March 1 and June 1

of each year from Bear Creek. Its Camp Far West Reservoir failed to fill during the year 1959.

South Sutter Water District holds Permit 11297 to appropriate from Bear Creek which allows a diversion of 360 cfs, year-round, and storage of 95,000 acre-feet per annum between October 1 and July 1 at Camp Far West Reservoir.

7. Unappropriated water does not exist except during the months of December through April, a period during which a permit for direct diversion would be of little or no value to the applicants.

8. Sufficient unappropriated water does not exist in the source named in Application 18321 to justify the approval of the application.

From the foregoing findings the Board concludes that Application 18321 should be denied.

The records, documents, and other data relied upon in determining the matter are: Application 18321 and all relevant information on file therewith, particularly the report of the field investigation made on June 9, 1959; the files of Licenses 385 (Application 959), 2266 (Application 2881), 2267 (Application 3843) and 2740 (Application 10190), and Permit 11297 (Application 14804); USGS, Wolf, and Lake Combie Quadrangles, 7½-minute series, dated 1950, and Wheatland and Grass Valley Quadrangles, 15-minute series, dated 1949; U. S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey, Water Supply Papers "Surface Water Supply of the United States, Part 11, Pacific Slope Basins in California", California

Department of Water Resources, preliminary records of flow at station "Wolf Creek near Wolf" for period June 1957 to December 1959.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Application 18321 be, and the same is, denied.

Adopted as the decision and order of the State Water Rights Board at a meeting duly called and held at Sacramento, California, this day of , 1961.

Kent Silverthorne, Chairman

W. P. Rowe, Member

Ralph J. McGill, Member