

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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PETITION FOR CHANGE
(WATER CODE 1700)

Application X Point of Diversion, _____ Point of Rediversion, _____ Place of Use, _____ Purpose of Use
Permit _____ License No. 3305 Statement or Other _____

I (we) hereby petition for change(s) noted above and shown on the accompanying map and described as follows:

Point of Diversion or Rediversion (Give coordinate distances from section corner or other ties as allowed by Cal CR 715, and the 40-acre subdivision in which the present & proposed points lie.)

Present South five hundred eighty (580) feet and east two thousand four hundred (2400) feet from NW corner of Section 5, T3N, R 15 W, SBB&M, within the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of said Section 5. (as licensed)
Proposed South 1160 feet and east 2400 feet from NW corner of Section 5, T3N, R 15 W, SBB&M, within the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of said Section 5.

Place of Use (If irrigation then state number of acres to be irrigated within each 40-acre tract.)

Present 4 acres within NW 1/4 of NW 1/4; 16 acres within NE 1/4 of NW 1/4; and 10 acres within NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, totaling 30 acres.
Proposed Same

Purpose of Use

Present Irrigation, domestic and stockwatering.
Proposed Same

Does the proposed use serve to preserve or enhance wetlands habitat, fish and wildlife resources, or recreation in or on the water (See WC 1707)? No (yes/no)

GIVE REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE: To reflect the point of diversion and ~~control~~ pond that have been in effect since at least 1960.

WILL THE OLD POINT OF DIVERSION OR PLACE OF USE BE ABANDONED? Yes (yes/no)

WATER WILL BE USED FOR Small Domestic PURPOSES.

I (we) have access to the proposed point of diversion or control the proposed place of use by virtue of? Ownership
(ownership, lease verbal or written agreement)

Are there any persons taking water from the stream between the old point of return flow and the new point of return flow?

No
(yes/no)

If by lease or agreement, state the name and address of party(s) from whom access has been obtained. Attach additional pages if needed. -----

Give name and address of any person(s) taking water from the stream between the present point of diversion or rediversion and the proposed point of diversion or rediversion, as well as any other person(s) known to you who may be affected by the proposed change. -----

THIS CHANGE DOES NOT INVOLVE AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE APPROPRIATION OR SEASON OF USE.

I (we) declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Dated June 16, 2004 at Burbank, California

Golden Oak Ranch Properties

By: [Signature]
Signature(s)

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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PETITIONS

(THIS IS NOT A CEQA DOCUMENT)

APPLICATION NO.

PERMIT NO.

LICENSE NO.

The following information will aid in the environmental review of your change petition as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHANGE PETITION TO BE ACCEPTED AS COMPLETED, ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS LISTED BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY. Failure to answer all questions may result in your change petition being returned to you, causing delays in processing. If you need more space, attach additional sheets. Additional information may be required from you to amplify further or clarify the information requested in this form.

DISCRIPTION OF CHANGES TO PROJECT

1. Provide a description of the proposed changes to your project, including but not limited to, type of construction activity, structures existing or to be built, area to be graded or excavated, changes in land use, and project operational changes, including changes in how the water will be used.

The subject change petition relates to a change in licensed point of diversion that was accomplished, to the best of our knowledge, in approximately 1960. No present changes to this now-historical use are being proposed.

The point of diversion now in effect is approximately 580 feet due south of the originally licensed point of diversion, on land owned by the same party, under the same use, and consisting of the same terrain (undeveloped chapparal).

The ornamental pond itself is the subject of a separate filing for a domestic use registration.

Please note that, contrary to what is depicted on the map prepared by the State's Compliance Inspector, the Place of Use of the water remains the same as that originally licensed – 30 acres as shown on the map included with this petition. The additional acreage shown on the State's Compliance Inspection map (i.e., the "additional" 95 acres) is, in fact, irrigated by the deep wells identified as Nos. 1 and 2 on the Compliance Inspection map, which wells Disney refers to as Wells Nos. 6 and 3, respectively.

Given that the subject change occurred 40+ years ago, we respectfully anticipate only an Initial Study prepared by the SWRCB which hopefully will result in a negative declaration.

Note: When completed, please submit a copy of the final environmental document (including notice of determination) or notice of exemption to the State Water Resources Control Board. Processing of your change petition cannot proceed until such documents are submitted.

5. Will your proposed changes, during construction or operation, generate waste or wastewater containing such things as sewage, industrial chemicals, metals, or agricultural chemicals, or cause erosion, turbidity or sedimentation? NO If so, explain: _____

If yes or you are unsure of your answer, contact your local Regional Water Quality Control Board for the following information (See attachment for address and telephone number):

Will a waste discharge permit be required for your petition? NO

Person contacted _____ Date of contact _____

What method of treatment and disposal will be used? _____

6. Have any archeological reports been prepared on this project, or will you be preparing an archeological report to satisfy another public agency? NO

Do you know of any archeological or historic sites located within the general project area?

YES If so, explain: Placerita Canyon and the Santa Clarita Valley have a rich and well-documented cultural history, in particular relating to the indigenous Indian peoples. The Placerita Canyon Nature Center, situated southeast of the subject property, serves as a resource for conveying this history.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

7. Attach **THREE COMPLETE SETS** of color photographs, clearly dated and labeled, showing the vegetation currently existing at the following locations:

- a. Along the stream channel immediately downstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion
- b. Along the stream channel immediately upstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion
- c. At the place(s) where the water is to be used

Note: It is very important that you submit no less than three complete sets of photographs as required above. If less than three sets are submitted, processing of your change petition will be delayed until you furnish the remaining sets!

8. From the list given below, mark or circle the general plant community types which best describe those which occur within your project area (Note: See footnote denoted by * under Question 11 below):

Tree Dominated Communities

- Subalpine Conifer
- Red Fir
- Lodgepole Pine
- Mixed Conifer
 - Sierran Mixed Conifer
 - White Fir
 - Klamath Mixed Conifer
- Douglas-Fir
- Jeffrey Pine
- Ponderosa Pine
- Eastside Pine
- Redwood
- Pinyon-Juniper
- Juniper
- Aspen
- Closed-Cone Pine-Cypress
- Montane Hardwood-Conifer
- Montane Hardwood
- Valley Foothill Hardwood
 - Blue Oak Woodland
 - Valley Oak Woodland
 - Coastal Oak Woodland
- Valley Foothill Hardwood-Conifer
 - Blue Oak-Digger Pine
- Eucalyptus
- Montane Riparian
- Valley Foothill Riparian
- Desert Riparian
- Palm Oasis
- Joshua Tree

Shrub Dominated Communities

- Alpine Dwarf-Shrub
- Low Sage
- Bitterbrush
- Sagebrush
- Montane Chaparral
- Mixed Chaparral
- Chamise-Redshank Chaparral
- Coastal Scrub
- Desert Succulent Shrub
- Desert Wash
- Desert Scrub
- Alkali Desert Scrub

Herbaceous Dominated Communities

- Annual Grassland
- Perennial Grassland
- Wet Meadow
- Fresh Emergent Wetland
- Saline Emergent Wetland
- Pasture

Aquatic Communities

- Riverine
- Lacustrine
- Estuarine
- Marine

Developed Communities

- Cropland
- Orchard-Vineyard
- Urban

Literature source: Mayer, K.E., and W.F. Laudenslayer, Jr., (eds). 1988. A Guide to Wildlife Habitats of California. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sacramento. 166 pp. (Note: You may view a copy of this document at our public counter at the address given

at the top of this form or you may purchase a copy by calling the California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Habitat Relationships (WHR) Program at (916) 653-7203).

9. Provide below an estimate of the type, number, and size (trunk/stem diameter at chest height) of trees and large shrubs that are planned to be removed or destroyed due to implementation of the proposed changes. Consider all aspects of your change petition, including changes in diversion structures, water distribution and use facilities, and changes in the place of use due to additional water development.

None. We cannot be certain what trees, if any, were eliminated to accommodate the new diversion works or the ornamental pond when they were created circa 1960. However, indications are that no large trees of any type were removed.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONCERNS

10. Identify the typical species of fish which occur in the source(s) from which you propose to divert water and discuss whether or not any of these fish species or their habitat has been or would be affected by your proposed changes. (Note: See footnote denoted by * under Question 11 below):

None. The change, accomplished over 40 years ago, will have no present impact on fish and, as a fairly deep point of diversion involving a relatively small amount of water, likely had no effect on fish when it was created.

11. Identify the typical species of riparian and terrestrial wildlife in the area and discuss whether or not any of these species and/or their habitat has been or would be affected by your proposed changes through construction of additional water diversion and distribution works and/or changes in land use in the place of water use. (Note: See footnote denoted by * below):

The wildlife in this area is typical of that found in undeveloped chaparral in southern California. Although we cannot be certain, it is highly unlikely that the change in point of diversion in 1960 involving

a relatively small amount of water derived from sources well underground, affected the area wildlife. The creation of the ornamental pond may have forced some small animals (mice, lizards) to areas just outside the pond, but the prevailing impact has been simply to provide an easy water source for the area wildlife and a home for some waterfowl.

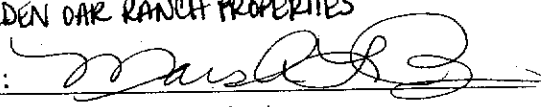
*Note: The purposes of Question 10 and 11 are to provide a preliminary assessment of the presence of typical plant and animal species in the area and whether these species might be affected by your proposed changes. Detailed site surveys to quantify populations of specific species or determine the presence of rare or endangered species may be required at a later date. It is very important that you answer these questions accurately. If you are unable to obtain appropriate answers from your local California Department of Fish and Game biologists (See attachment for address and telephone number) or you do not have adequate information or expertise to complete your answers, you should hire a fishery consultant and/or a wildlife consultant to review your project and prepare suitable answers for you. For information on available qualified fishery or wildlife consultants near you, consult your local telephone directory yellow pages under Environmental and Ecological Services, or call the California Environmental Protection Agency, Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) Program, at (916) 324-6881 or the University of California, Cooperative Extension Service (See your local telephone directory white pages).

12. Do your proposed changes involve any construction or grading-related activity which has significantly altered or would significantly alter the bed or bank of any stream or lake? NO
If so, explain: _____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements I have furnished above and in the attached exhibits are complete to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date 8/18/04

Signature By: 
GOLDEN OAK RANCH PROPERTIES
MARSHA L. REED
SECRETARY