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CF/42-0.19-9 SWRCB Order Approving Temporary Urgency Change in Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950 & 16596 for 2015 (ID 5315)

April 21, 2015

Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director of Water Rights State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RE: Petition for Temporary Urgency Change—Permits 12947A, 12949,

12950, and 16596

Dear Ms. Evoy:

Enclosed is a Petition for Temporary Urgency Change to modify the minimum instream flow requirements for the Russian River as established by Decision 1610 for Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950 and 16596. Accompanying the petition are the following:

- Attachment 1, Description of April 2015 Temporary Urgency Change Petition Request
- 2) Attachment 2, Supplement to the April 2015 Temporary Urgency Change Petition
- 3) Environmental Information for Petitions
- 4) Notice of Exemption
- 5) State Water Resources Control Board Petition Fee Payment

Unfortunately, the payment for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife review fee is not ready at this time and, therefore, we will be sending under separate cover in approximately two days.

We are submitting this petition to preserve the drought-limited water supply that is in Lake Mendocino and to avoid the excessively high releases from Lake Sonoma into Dry Creek that would result from maintaining the Decision 1610 minimum instream flow requirements. The Sonoma County Water Agency requests that the Division of Water Rights act expeditiously to approve the requested changes.

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I look forward to working with the State Water Resources Control Board and Division of Water Rights staff on this important conservation effort.

Sincerely,

Grant Davis

General Manager

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