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Dear Water Board and Water Rights Enforcement Staff:

Corporations that do not provide proof of water rights and blatantly ignore the State of California's Water Board rulings (Preliminary or final) should be held accountable for damage done dating back through the corporation history of damage. For example, Nestle Waters of North America, Inc., has been at the center of an on-going water rights investigation over water withdrawals in the San Bernardino National Forest (Arrowhead spring water brand). The State Water Rights preliminary rulings told Nestle they were taking unauthorized water in the San Bernardino National Forest, but Nestle appeared to disrespect the preliminary ruling and continued excessive takes. To date, there has been no proof that Nestle has legal water rights groundwater or surface water in the San Bernardino National Forest Strawberry Creek/Canyon. Upon the completion of the final report, Nestle must be held accountable for any water withdrawn through chain of title corporate ownership and water withdrawal violations which in this case date to 1929. Penalties must be harsh as the water belongs to the people of California.

It would be helpful if the ewrims system would use federal land overlay layers in their GIS so federal reserve rights and federal land boundaries can be easily delineated as a starting point for water rights investigation. Better communication with federal entities would help to clearly define and communicate water rights within the federal land/reserves borders.

Please make any and all penalties against Nestle (bottling under the name Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water). If other violations are found please refer all violations to appropriate agencies.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Frye

