



# State Water Resources Control Board



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Dear Sirs:

PENDING WATER RIGHT HEARING ON APPLICATIONS 30942 AND 31023 IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY EAST SUBBASIN

Newhall County Water District (Newhall) and Robinson Ranch Golf, LLC, have filed water right Applications 30942 and 31023, respectively, to appropriate groundwater from existing wells in the Santa Clara River Valley East Basin in Los Angeles County. The Santa Clarita Water Company (Santa Clarita) also filed a water right application (Application 29898), but subsequently has withdrawn its application. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will hold a hearing this summer on the remaining water right Applications 30942 and 31023 and has scheduled a pre-hearing conference for June 17 at 10:00 a.m.

By letter dated April 24, 2003, Mr. Kidman, representing Santa Clarita, asserted that through the enactment of AB 134, the Legislature has determined that groundwater in the East Subbasin is not subject to the SWRCB's permitting authority (enclosed). AB 134, which was enacted in 2001, added section 15.1 to the Castaic Lake Water Agency Law to require the agency to prepare a groundwater management plan. I am requesting Newhall and Robinson Ranch to provide me with a written response, if any, regarding their interpretation of AB 134 by June 9, 2003. If necessary, I will give a written ruling on this matter prior to the pre-hearing conference.

A hearing on Applications 31023 and 30942 is now pending. Please observe the prohibition against *ex parte* communications during this proceeding. (Gov. Code, §§ 11430.10-11430.80.)

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Mahaney, Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5187.

Sincerely,


**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:**

Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.  
Chair

Enclosure

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