

*Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control &  
Water Conservation Improvement District*

**STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item 7d: Customer Request  
for Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement Change  
Monday, March 3, 2025**

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**The Strategic Plan** relevant priority is **use** through effective and beneficial use of water under the District water right license and as a public resource.

**Background**

The Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement states:

**ARTICLE 12.  
REDUCTION IN USE AND ALLOTMENT**

12.1. **Customer Initiation.** On or before September 1 of any Year, Customer may initiate an increase or reduction in the Contract Quantity as to the following Year and the remainder of any Original or Extended Term, by providing written notice to District of such determination, and, in the case of an increase, subject to CEQA compliance and District written confirmation of the availability of the additional water requested.

**Discussion**

Milovina Vineyards, Inc. is a current customer in good standing with 400 acre feet contract quantity. Milovina Vineyards, Inc has requested a reduction of 50 acre feet starting contract year 2025.

As per the Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement Article 12.1 shown above, customer requests for contract changes to the following calendar year need to be made by September 1. As the request was made after this date, the request is coming to the Board to consider approval. Legal Counsel was consulted and confirmed the change can be approved by the Board through a motion. If the Board does not approve the request, the Customer's request will be processed and effective January 1, 2026.

As seen in the "Project Water Worksheet as of March 1, 2025" in the consent calendar, there is currently 612.85 acre feet of uncontracted Project Water after a customer request to increase by 50 acre feet for 2025 was granted by the Board in December 2024 as a one-time non-precedent setting action.

**Recommendation:**

- Move to approve Milovina Vineyards, Inc. request to decrease the contract quantity in its Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement from 400 acre feet to 350 acre feet beginning January 2025;
- Or
- Deny the request.

**Attachments:**

- Milovina Vineyards, Inc. request for additional contract quantity.

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Prepared and submitted to the Board of Trustees by: *Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager*

## Elizabeth Salomone

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**From:** Michael Milovina <mike@milovinavineyards.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 24, 2025 4:24 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth Salomone  
**Subject:** Water use

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Dear Elizabeth,

As per our conversation on February 11, 2025, I am writing to follow up with a request to the Board of Trustees to reduce the Milovina Vineyards, Inc. contract by 50 acre feet.

In 2022, we increased our contract quantity to address future drought and water supply challenges. Upon further analysis, we do not need as much to meet future needs and request the reduction of 50 acre feet be effective for the 2025 contract year.

Thank you for considering our requests,

Mike Milovina  
Milovina Vineyards, Inc. Sent from my iPhone