

POLICY #01-1

REGARDING NEW APPLICATIONS FOR WATER APPROPRIATION

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THIS DISTRICT, FROM DATE OF ENACTMENT UNTIL CHANGED, AMENDED OR CANCELED, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS this Board is charged with the responsibility of providing for the industrial, municipal and agricultural water needs of District residents; and

WHEREAS this Board is charged with improvement of water resources for the District; and

WHEREAS this Board is charged with managing its 8000 acre-foot water right under Permit #12947B (Application A012919B); and

WHEREAS these responsibilities must be accomplished with a view of protecting its water rights and the rights of the existing appropriators within the District; and

WHEREAS the California State Water Resources Control Board holds the District responsible for the accounting and management of its water right; and

WHEREAS the Russian River has been declared fully appropriated from July 1 through October 31; and

WHEREAS the State Water Resources Control Board has declared streams tributary to the Russian River fully appropriated from April 1 through December 14; and

WHEREAS the District has put its 8000 acre-foot water right to beneficial use,

THEREFORE, while carrying out its obligations, it shall be the policy of this Board to protest any new applications for water appropriation on the Russian River mainstem for the diversion period of May 1 through October 31; and

Chairman

Lee O. Howard

Vice Chairman

Tom Ashurst

Trustees

Dan Rogina

Stephen N. Thomas

Bill Townsend

Executive Director

Barbara Spazek

TO PROTEST any new applications for water appropriation on streams tributary to the Russian River for the diversion period of May 1 through December 14; and

BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED THAT it shall be this Board's policy to protest any new applications for a water appropriation on the Russian River mainstem based on a Pre-1949 water use or a Riparian use as an alternative until such time as it is firmly established that there was usage prior to 1949 in like quantities and manner.

Adopted this 22 day of June, 2001, by the Board of Trustees of the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District.

Lee O. Howard Yes
Stephen Thomas Yes
Bill Townsend Yes
Dan Rogina Abstain

Tom Ashurst - Absent

Ayes 3
Nays 0
Abstention 1



Lee O. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



Barbara Spazek, Secretary