



State Water Resources Control Board



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Mr. Doug Filliponi
Santa Margarita Ranch LLC
750 Pismo Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Dear Mr. Filliponi:

**WATER RIGHT COMPLAINT REGARDING DIVERSION OF GROUNDWATER ON
THE SANTA MARGARITA RANCH IN THE UPPER SALINAS RIVER WATERSHED,
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Division of Water Rights (Division) staff (Staff) has reviewed your response to the subject water right complaint and the next step is to conduct a field investigation. However, although there is a substantial amount of information already in the complaint file from the previous complaint, Staff will need an update of the activities of the Santa Margarita Ranch LLC since that time prior to the field investigation.

Specifically, Staff will need a complete schematic of the current water collection, delivery, and irrigation system at the Santa Margarita Ranch. Resolving the water rights issues of the subject complaint requires that Staff know exactly when, where and how the water is being diverted and the amount being diverted; when, where and how that amount of water from each source is being delivered for use; when, where, and how any of that water is being stored and the duration and volume of storage; and when, where, and how the water is being put to beneficial use. The schematic and supporting text should include all licensed and unlicensed diversion and storage facilities, regardless of whether or not the Santa Margarita Ranch LLC believes them to be within the permitting authority of the State Water Board. Additionally, the schematic and supporting text should provide sufficient detail such that Staff can trace each water source from initial diversion to any interim storage, and to its final beneficial use. This detail should also include the driller's reports for any wells installed since year 2000.

Please submit the schematic and supporting documentation by January 15, 2009. Staff will then schedule a field investigation shortly after receipt of this information. If you have any questions concerning this matter please call me at (916) 341-5313.

Sincerely,

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Engineering Geologist

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