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DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

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DIV. OF WATER RIGHTS
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WATER RIGHT COMPLAINT

For information in filling out this form,
see pamphlet titled "Investigating Water Right Complaints"

CID#	
File:	40-03-07
	(For staff use only)

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Complainant

Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County (ECOSLO) (805) 544-1777

(Name) _____ (Phone No.) _____
864 Osos Street, Suite C P.O. Box 1014 SLO, CA 93406
(Address) _____ (Zip Code) _____

Party complained against (Respondent)

Mr Rob Rossi (805) 438-3626

(Name) _____ (Phone No.) _____
750 Pismo Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(Address) _____ (Zip Code) _____

Location of Respondent's Diversion

The diversion is located on: Upper Salinas River Watershed/Rinconada Ck/Santa Margarita Ck/
(Name of Spring, Stream, or Body of Water) Trout Creek/ Yerba Buena Creek

at a point within _____ 1/4 of _____ 1/4 of Section _____ T _____ R, _____ B & M

County of San Luis Obispo Assessor's Parcel No. _____

The general location is as follows Santa Margarita Ranch, 8mi North of San Luis Obispo (city)
(Name of Road, Distance to Nearest Town, Etc.)

Description of Complaint

The following situation or condition is occurring (attach additional sheets, photographs, maps, sketches, reports, etc as needed.):

Proposed installation of 3,000 acres of wine grapes will use significant amounts of water, severely impacting the 4 streams listed. Water diversion will impact surface flows. Current wells and proposed wells will divert underflow, which will result in overdraft of aquifers.
See attached documentation.

Injury to Complainant or Public Trust Resources

The situation is causing injury to me or to public trust resources as follows (attach additional sheets if necessary):

The 4 creeks being used for this project are located in the upper watershed
of the Salinas River watershed. The watershed is currently degraded and
overdrafted. Beneficial use of the water production in the upper watershed
should be protected to insure the continuation of Public Trust Resources
at the site, to protect downstream baseflow, and alleviate salt water
intrusion in the lower watershed.

Possible Resolution of Complaint

I offer the following possible solution to the situation (attach additional sheets if necessary):

1. Demonstration of enough water to protect Public Trust Resources and
operate proposed viticulture.
2. Mr. Rossi obtain appropriative water rights permit.
3. Compliance of applicable terms which may result from CEQA process.

Complainant's Diversion and Water Rights (Fill in if Injury Claimed)

My diversion is located on: _____
(Name of Spring, Stream, or Body of Water)

At a point within _____ 1/4 of _____ 1/4 of Section _____ T _____ R, _____ B & M

County of _____ Assessor's Parcel No. _____

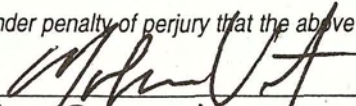
I use water for (what and where): _____

The basis of my claim to divert water is:

- An appropriative right under License No. _____, Permit No. _____, Application No. _____
- A Riparian or pre-1914 claim supported by Statement of Water Diversion and Use No. _____
- Other (Describe): _____

A copy of this complaint has been sent to the Respondent by: Certified Mail Regular Mail Personal Delivery

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature 
PAT VEASANT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECOSLO

Date 10/25/99

NOTE: Send original Complaint to the Division of Water Rights and a copy to the Respondent.
Forms for submitting an Answer to Complaint will be sent to the Respondent by the Division of Water Rights.