

RESOLUTION 2006-03

RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING INITIAL STUDY AND DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION ON EXTENSION OF TIME TO PUT WATER TO BENEFICIAL USE UNDER DISTRICT'S PERMIT 16762 (APPLICATION 023416)

WHEREAS, Rancho Murieta Community Services District ("District") diverts water from the Cosumnes River for use within the District under its water right Permit 16762, Application 23416, for the diversion of 6,368 acre feet per year; and

WHEREAS, the time to put the water to beneficial use under the District's Permit expired on December 1, 2000, and the District applied for a ten-year extension of time to enable the District to put additional water to beneficial use under its permit; and

WHEREAS, the District's Extension of Time, if approved by the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB"), would extend the District's time to make full beneficial use of the water available under its Permit 16762, to December 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, If the SWRCB were to proceed to license now, the District may receive a license for a maximum direct diversion rate and storage at its rate of use in year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the SWRCB requires compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") on its consideration for approval of Petitions for Extension of Time; and

WHEREAS, the District has caused to be prepared a draft Initial Study under CEQA, which finds that there would be no significant adverse environmental impacts as a result of such time extension to 2010; and

WHEREAS, the draft Initial Study has been delivered to the California Department of Fish and Game and the SWRCB for review and comment pursuant to Section 15063 of the CEQA Guidelines for informal consultation, with a request that any comments be received by the District by January 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2006, the District received comments from the SWRCB but to date has not received comments from the Department of Fish and Game; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the comments provided by the SWRCB, the staff of the District has caused additional information and analysis to be included in the draft Initial Study to address the SWRCB's comments; and

WHEREAS, the draft Initial Study includes a draft Negative Declaration finding no adverse environmental effects for the requested time extension; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the draft Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration, and to set a date for receiving public comment on said documents pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, and to give notice thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves the draft Initial Study and the draft Negative Declaration, and finds and determines that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the Board, that the extension of time to year 2010 under the District's Permit 16762 (Application 023416) will have a significant effect on the environment;

SECTION 2. The Manager of the District is authorized to deliver fifteen copies of the draft Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to state agencies. The Manager is also authorized to provide notice to the County Clerk of Sacramento County and to the public of the preparation of a Negative Declaration and of the Board's notice of intent to consider adoption of the same on the Board's regular scheduled meeting on April 19, 2006. (CEQA Guidelines § 15072.) Thirty days notice shall be given, and notice shall be published one time in the Daily Recorder and by posting notice at the District office. (CEQA Guidelines § 15073.) The thirty day review period shall start on the date the draft Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration are delivered to the State Clearinghouse and shall end thirty days thereafter;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District at their regular meeting held on this 15th day of February, 2006 by the following roll call vote:

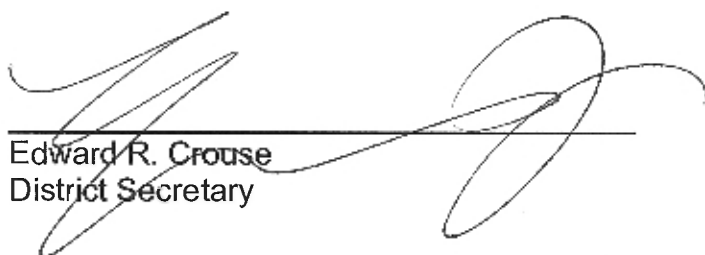
Ayes: *Merchant, Taylor, Brennan, Kuntz, White*
Noes: *None*
Absent: *None*
Abstain: *None*



In Merchant, President of the Board
Rancho Murieta Community Services District

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Attest:



Edward R. Crouse
District Secretary