

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

In the Matter of Permit 16755B (Application 24300B)

Merlo Corporation

ORDER REVOKING PERMIT

SOURCE: Unnamed Stream tributary to Fall Creek thence Dry Creek thence Russian River
COUNTY: Sonoma

WHEREAS:

1. Merlo Corporation (Permittee) is the water right holder or authorized agent for the holder of water right Permit 16755B.
2. On November 5, 2007, the Permittee requested that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division), revoke Permit 16755B.
3. The Division interprets the Permittee's request for revocation as a waiver of the notice and hearing requirements set forth in Water Code sections 1410 and 1410.1.

THEREFORE:

It is ordered that Permit 16755B is hereby revoked by the State Water Board, and the water is declared to be subject to appropriation. This revocation may not result in additional water being available for new appropriations if there are applicable restrictions due to past State Water Board decisions regarding water availability.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD


Victoria A. Whitney, Chief
Division of Water Rights

Dated: **JUN 25 2008**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
~~THE RESOURCES AGENCY~~
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PERMIT FOR DIVERSION AND USE OF WATER

PERMIT 16755B

Application 24300B of Harry A. Merlo
c/o G. R. Maffei, 111 SW 5th Ave, Portland, OR 97204

filed on February 13, 1973, has been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board SUBJECT TO VESTED RIGHTS and to the limitations and conditions of this Permit.

Permittee is hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

1. Source:	Tributary to:
<u>Fall Creek</u>	<u>Dry Creek thence</u>
_____	<u>Russian River</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. Location of point of diversion:	40-acre subdivision of public land survey or projection thereof	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian
North 650 feet and West 2,050 feet from SE corner of Section 20	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	20	10N	10W	MD

County of Sonoma

3. Purpose of use:	4. Place of use:	Section	Township	Range	Base and Meridian	Acres
Frost Protection	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	19	10N	10W	MD	5.0
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	19	10N	10W	MD	2.2
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	20	10N	10W	MD	20.7
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	20	10N	10W	MD	10.6
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	29	10N	10W	MD	4.6
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	29	10N	10W	MD	26.7
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	29	10N	10W	MD	0.9
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	29	10N	10W	MD	5.3
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	29	10N	10W	MD	8.4
					Total	84.4

The place of use is shown on map filed with the State Water Resources Control Board.

5. The water appropriated shall be limited to the quantity which can be beneficially used and shall not exceed 4.5 cubic feet per second by direct diversion from March 15 to May 1 of each year. The total amount of water to be taken from the source under this permit and Permit 16755A shall not exceed 550 acre-feet per water year of October 1 to September 30. (0000005)
6. The amount authorized for appropriation may be reduced in the license if investigation warrants. (0000006)
7. Construction work shall be completed by December 1, 1985. (0000008)
8. Complete application of the water to the authorized use shall be made by December 1, 1994 (0000009)
9. Progress reports shall be submitted promptly by permittee when requested by the State Water Resources Control Board until license is issued. (0000010)
10. Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 100 and 275, and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Resources Control Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.
- The continuing authority of the Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this permit with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of permittee without unreasonable draft on the source. Permittee may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to: (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) to installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this permit and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation. The continuing authority of the Board also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the permittee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2; is consistent with the public interest and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust. (0000012)
11. Permittee shall allow representatives of the State Water Resources Control Board and other parties as may be authorized from time to time by said Board, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this permit. (0000011)
12. The quantity of water diverted under this permit and under any license issued pursuant thereto is subject to modification by the State Water Resources Control Board if, after notice to the permittee and an opportunity for hearing, the Board finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges. (0000013)

13. The State Water Resources Control Board reserves jurisdiction over this permit to impose any appropriate conditions at some future date to conform the permit to Board policy on use of water for frost protection. Action by the Board will be taken only after notice to interested parties and opportunity for hearing. (0000020)

14. Permittee shall install and maintain an outlet pipe of adequate capacity in his dam as near as practicable to the bottom of the natural stream channel, or provide other means satisfactory to the State Water Resources Control Board, in order that water entering the reservoir which is not authorized for appropriation under this permit may be released. (0050043)

15. In order to prevent degradation of the quality of water during and after construction of the project, prior to commencement of construction permittee shall file a report pursuant to water code Section 13260 and shall comply with any waste discharge requirements imposed by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, or by the State Water Resources Control Board. (6000100)

16. This permit is subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Resources Control Board to reduce the amount of water named in the permit upon a finding by the Board that the amount is in excess of that reasonably needed to be held in storage for the authorized uses. No action will be taken by the Board without prior notice to the owner and an opportunity for hearing. (0000042)

This permit is issued and permittee takes it subject to the following provisions of the Water Code:

Section 1390. A permit shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under it is used for a useful and beneficial purpose in conformity with this division (of the Water Code), but no longer.

Section 1391. Every permit shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this article and the statement that any appropriator of water to whom a permit is issued takes it subject to the conditions therein expressed.

Section 1392. Every permittee, if he accepts a permit, does so under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the State therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit granted or issued under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code), in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code) or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the State or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the State, of the rights and property of any permittee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this division (of the Water Code).

Dated: JANUARY 23 1985

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

Raymond Wash
Chief, Division of Water Rights