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## FORM INFORMATION

### DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS (DWR)

#### INITIAL STATEMENT OF WATER DIVERSION AND USE

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*These are just some helpful comments on the filing of the Initial Statement. If there are other questions you need answered, log onto the Division of Water Rights website (see web address at the end of this report) or contact Bob Rinker, Division of Water Rights, 916-322-3143.*

**Section B: Riparian Claim:** A riparian claim is where the landowner is bordering a natural lake or stream and takes and uses water on his riparian land. Riparian land watered must be in the same watershed as the water source. (*See further explanation on page 2 of the DWR form*)

**Pre 1914 Claim:** This is a claim that the water use has been continuous since before 1914. If required to prove the claim there needs to be something recorded or evidence of the continuous use.

**Court Decree No:** This is actually the number from the final decision of a court case where you were given the right to this water with a case number.

**Section C: Name of the body of water at the point of diversion:** If the water from a spring or well is related to a creek or river and has a name, give it. If there is no name, write "unnamed". Same for the tributary, if there is no tributary, leave blank.

**Section D:** If you don't have the Assessor Parcel Number, these can also be found on the County's interactive mapping. Go to [www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/zoning.htm](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/zoning.htm) and click on GIS interactive mapping. Under the search you can enter your address and click. Then, using the pointers move the map to where the spring or well is and click on this point. The assessors parcel number will be in the box.

If you have a title report it might give the latitude/longitude measurements.

We have been told the single page size printed from there is OK. Make a tiny circle or pen point on the map where the spring or well is and an arrow to that spot titling it diversion.

**Name of Diversion works:** Some people name their springs, such as Sycamore Spring. If you have no name leave blank. **Related Water Rights:** This refers to riparian, pre 1914, Court Decree, Appropriative, etc..

**Section E:** List who owns the land.

**Section F: Capacity of the diversion works:** This is asking for the size or how much your pump or pipe could actually produce in water. For example, if you have a 100 gallon per minute pump but only pump 20 gallons per minute, they want the 100 gallon per minute listed here.

**Capacity of the storage/reservoir:** Whether you have the tank or reservoir full or not, they want to know what the maximum is that you could put into that tank or store in that reservoir.

**Type of diversion facility:** They want to know whether your water is carried to your tank, reservoir, field or house by gravity flow, by pumping from a creek or by pumping from the well.

**Method of measurement:** For most of us right now we have to estimate the amount of capacity. Even a simple test with a gallon jug and a sweep second hand on a watch to see how fast the gallon jug fills can be used. Meters will likely be required by 2012.

**Section G: Quantity of water diverted each month:** Although they would like this, most of us don't know. We can give the annual total here, but by 2012 we must have accurate monthly records which will be reported in 2013 in the every three year report. They are allowing use to estimate at this time.

**Section H: Annual water use:** We can estimate at this time

**Year of first diversion:** You can give an estimate or guess if you don't know or simply say "unknown". But be careful if you are claiming pre 1914 as this should be a more accurate figure.

**Section I: Beneficial use:** They want to know how you use the water. Irrigation, household, livestock watering, commercial business use, etc.

**Section J: General description and location of the place of use:** Here again is the topographic map and pointing to the location. You can use the same map as for Section D, if both location can be found on the same map. Make a tiny box where the water is used with an arrow pointing to the spot with the word "use" to show that this is the point of use.

**Section K: Conservation of water:** Are you using less water than years ago? How are you doing this?

**Water Quality and wastewater reclamation:** Are you using treated waste water, etc.?

**Conjunctive use of surface and groundwater:** Are you using the well instead of your spring or riparian well?

To get the forms or review the Questions and Answers section on the diversion of surface water log onto:

[www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights) then scroll down to Announcements and click on New! Information Regarding Statement of Water Diversion and Use, you can then print off the forms.