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INVOICE FOR WATER USAGE

2015 Humboldt County fires:

March 8, 2016

Cal Fire,

During the summer of 2015, several fires were going in Southern Humboldt County and Garberville Sanitary District was asked to provide water for fire suppression and base camp.

The price that was agreed was to be \$4.41 per unit (748gallons)

There was 30,000 gallons per day used within the time period of July 30 and August 19, 2015. Total treated water that was taken from Garberville Sanitary District is 600,000 gallons.

Amount due and payable to Garberville Sanitary District is \$3,537

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Emerson

General Manager
Garberville Sanitary District



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November 2, 2018

California State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights; North Coast Enforcement Unit
Attn: Skyler Anderson & Alex Sweat
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

SUBJECT: Response to Request for Records under 2012 Cease and Desist Order (Order WR 2012-0036-DWR)
License 3404 and Permit 20789

This District received your email dated October 23, 2018, requesting detailed records for all bulk water sales in 2015 - 2017. The District has been very careful to only supply bulk water for uses that are categorized as emergencies and affect the community of Garberville.

In calendar year 2015 CalFIRE requested that they be allowed to fill water tender type trucks out of the fire hydrant near their complex on Alderpoint Road to fight the Buck Fire on Alderpoint Road. This water was used directly on the fire and for the personnel housed as the Eel River Fire Base Camp just outside of our POU. We deemed this to be an emergency that met the criteria of the CDO.

<https://lostcoastoutpost.com/2017/aug/3/fire-northwest-garberville-closes-alderpoint-road/>

Attached please find the information on the dates that the water was taken, invoice amount, the number of gallons, and the payment by CalFIRE for the water. I am sure that CalFIRE would be happy to supply a letter supporting the need for communities to be allowed to provide water to them for firefighting activities that are within the urban interface should that become necessary.

There were no bulk water sales in calendar year 2016.

In calendar year 2017 we sold bulk water for several emergency projects. In April 2017 a large slide covered all lanes of Hwy 101 and closed the road to southern Humboldt County. Caltrans issued an emergency contract for the work with Mendocino Construction Services as a subcontractor. MCS needed water for the work to be done at the site. They contacted GSD and completed the Fire Hydrant Use Application which was approved as an emergency and temporary use (i.e. when the project is done so will the use).



<https://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/6763536-181/rockslide-closes-highway-101-in?sba=AAS>

<https://www.mendovoice.com/2017/04/re-closed-101/>

MCS uses the water on the project site for activities such as dust control, addition to slide materials to obtain required compaction, hydro-seeding, cellular grout for culvert liner, erosion control, fill rollers for compaction of asphalt, fill required onsite fire suppression tank.

Also in 2017 Humboldt County started the Garberville Airport reconstruction project. Cox & Cox request that they be allowed to use water from the hydrant for this project. They did not follow the requirements and submit the log of water taken, and they were removed from the contract by the County, so we have had to estimate the quantity of water they took and have not received any revenue from that bulk water. The water was intended to be used for fire suppression and backfill compaction.

When Cox & Cox was removed from the Garberville Airport project, Mercer Frasier took over completing the work. The airport had been closed for many months at this point and was not available for the staging of firefighting aircraft nor use by the life-flight planes that transport critically injured people from our very small hospital to larger facilities. Getting the airport reconstruction completed and the airport available again was deemed an emergency and Mercer Frasier was allowed to purchase bulk water to finish the project.

Serafix Engineering Contractors requested on the Fire Hydrant Use Application Contract to use bulk water on Caltrans Contract No. 01-0A4604 on Hwy 101 near the County line. They estimated that they would use less than 10,000 gallons and ended up using 10,996 gallons.

Attached please find detailed records showing the dates, volumes, company taking water, and location of use (or project number that correlates to a location). If you need GSD to prepare a map showing the locations of the project sites relative to the POU, Jennie Short can do so but we wanted to get you this information as quickly as possible.

Please don't hesitate to contact Jennie Short if you need any further information or clarification on the information contained in this response. You can reach her by email at jmshort@garbervillesd.org or phone at (707)223-4567. You may also reach me at (707)923-9566. We look forward to your review of the submitted documents and your input on the acceptability of these documents.

Respectfully,

Ralph Emerson
General Manager

Cc: Jennie Short
Russ Gans, District Counsel

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*Garberville Sanitary District
receives many requests for
bulk water but has only
approved applicants working
for public agencies performing
work classified as an emergency.*

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Summary of Bulk Water Sales

Fire Hydrant User	Location Used	Date Used	Gallons Used	Truck Loads	Amount Paid	Invoice Date	Invoice#	2015
California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection	Buck Fire, etc. & Base Camp @ Eel River	07/30 - 8/19/2015	600,000		3,536.82	3/8/2016	n/a	
		Total for Year	600,000		3,536.82			
Fire Hydrant User	Location Used	Date Used	Gallons Used	Truck Loads	Amount Paid	Invoice Date	Invoice#	2017
Mercer Fraser Company	CALTRANS PROJECT	4/20-4/21/2017	2,244	1	37.61	4/27/2017	JUS 470-02	
Mendocino Const. Comp	CALTRANS PR#01-OG6504 & 01-OH1004	May-17	93,000	31	1,128.00	5/31/2017	JUS 470-03	
Mendocino Const. Comp	CALTRANS PR#01-OG6504 & 01-OH1004	Jun-17	222,000	74	3,552.00	6/30/2017	JUS 470-03	
Mendocino Const. Comp	CALTRANS PR#01-OG6504 & 01-OH1004	Jul-17	339,000	113	5,424.00	7/31/2017	JUS 470-03	
Cox & Cox	Garberville Airport	Jul-17	76,000		-	8/23/2017	2017-01	
Mendocino Const. Comp	CALTRANS PR#01-OG6504 & 01-OH1004	7/28/17-8/31/17	122,971	44	2,112.00	8/30/2017	2017-2	
Mercer Fraser Company	Garberville Airport	8/12/17-8/30/17	302,790	87	4,176.00	8/30/2017	2017-3	
Mercer Fraser Company	Garberville Airport	8/30/17-9/28/17	207,046	68	3,264.00	10/12/2017	2017-5	
Mendocino Const. Comp	CALTRANS PR#01-OG6504 & 01-OH1004	8/22/17-10/2/17	129,105	43	2,064.00	10/25/2017	2017-4	
Mercer Fraser Company	Garberville Airport	8/16/17-8/21/17	59,840	20	960.00	11/07/2017	2017-8	
Mendocino Const. Comp	CALTRANS PR#01-OG6504 & 01-OH1004	10/2/17-10/19/17	161,942	51	2,448.00	11/02/2017	2017-7	
Serafix Engineering	CALTRANS PR#01-OA4604	10/2/17-10/19/17	10,996	7	252.00	11/02/2017	2017-6	
Mercer Fraser Company	Garberville Airport	10/4/17-10/19/17	108,684	40	1,920.00	11/15/2017	2017-9	
Mendocino Const. Comp	CALTRANS PR#01-OG6504 & 01-OH1004	10/30/17-11/1/17	7,181	3	144.00	11/28/2017	2017-10	
		Total for Year	1,842,799	582	27,481.61			



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CEASE AND DESIST

BULK WATER SALES

October 25, 2018

As of today, Bulk Water services will cease until The State Water Board issues a response for providing bulk water to Public Agencies requiring water for emergency services including Fire Departments and public road repairs.

We apologize for the inconvenience and will notify you once we have been notified of what the State will require.

Please contact our office for clarification.

Ralph Emerson

General Manager
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