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To: [Delta Drought Email Subscription List](#)

Subject: NOVEMBER 30 WEEKLY UPDATE ON CURTAILMENT STATUS OF WATER RIGHTS AND CLAIMS IN THE DELTA WATERSHED

This email contains important information about the curtailment status of water rights and claims of right within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) watershed pursuant to orders that were issued on August 20, 2021 ([Order for water rights/claims under 5,000 acre-feet](#) and [Order for water rights/claims over 5,000 acre-feet](#)).

Based on recent water supply forecasts, **curtailment statuses have been updated to reimpose additional curtailments in the Delta watershed starting Wednesday, December 1, 2021.** Curtailments reimposed in previous weeks remain in effect. Supply forecasts will continue to be evaluated regularly to determine if further reimpositions of curtailments or suspension of current curtailments are appropriate, and updates will continue to be provided by email and web posting at least weekly. Please check the [Delta Watershed Curtailment Status List](#) for the current curtailment status of each water right and claim in the Delta watershed.

The following priorities of water rights and claims are **curtailed effective December 1, 2021**, unless and until the State Water Board advises that this determination has been updated:

1. Water rights and claims on [San Joaquin River](#) tributaries as follows:
 - a. All post-1914 appropriative water rights, pre-1914 appropriative water right claims, and riparian water right claims in the [Chowchilla River](#) subwatershed;
 - b. All post-1914 appropriative water rights, pre-1914 appropriative water right claims, and riparian water right claims in the [Fresno River](#) subwatershed;
 - c. Post-1914 appropriative water rights and pre-1914 appropriative water right claims in the [Calaveras River](#) subwatershed that are outside of the Legal Delta with a priority date of 1879 or later;
 - d. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the [Upper San Joaquin River](#) subwatershed with a priority date of 1919 or later;
 - e. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the [Stanislaus River](#) subwatershed that are outside of the Legal Delta with a priority date of 1926 or later; and
 - f. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the [Mokelumne River](#) subwatershed that are outside of the Legal Delta with a priority date of 1949 or later.
2. Water rights and claims on [Sacramento River](#) tributaries as follows:
 - a. Post-1914 appropriative water rights and pre-1914 appropriative water right claims in the [Cache Creek](#) subwatershed with a priority date of 1856 or later;
 - b. Post-1914 appropriative water rights and pre-1914 appropriative water right claims in the [Stony Creek](#) subwatershed with a priority date of 1910 or later;
 - c. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the [Yuba River](#) subwatershed with a priority date of 1927 or later;
 - d. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the [Bear River](#) subwatershed with a priority date of 1941 or later; and
 - e. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the [Putah Creek](#) subwatershed that are outside of the Legal Delta with a priority date of 1945 or later.

For those with limited internet access, a pre-recorded version of the summary above can be heard on the Delta Curtailment Status phone line at (916) 323-4643.

While previous precipitation events led to suspension of curtailments in the Delta watershed, the decline of available water supplies from those precipitation events has resulted in the reimposition of curtailments. The decision to reimpose curtailments is based on the revised [Water Unavailability Methodology for the Delta Watershed](#), dated November 15, 2021, together with consideration of water supply forecasts from the California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC) that were updated on November 30, 2021. The 50% exceedance water supply forecast was selected to determine curtailments at this time, which will be reassessed next week (or earlier if appropriate) based on daily water supply observations and updated forecasts. Demand data informing curtailments continue to be based on reported diversions from 2018. Projected demand data received through Enhanced Reporting Forms are being assessed to determine their potential use for informing future curtailments.

For more information about drought in the Delta watershed, please visit the [Delta Drought webpage](#). For more information about curtailment compliance and responses to the August 20 Orders, please visit the [Curtailment Compliance and Responses webpage](#). The Curtailment Compliance and Responses tracker is updated every Friday and can be filtered to see the latest delinquencies. If you have any questions, you may send an email to Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov or call the Delta Drought phone line at (916) 319-0960.