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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **STATUS CONFERENCE RULING AND NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE**

The State Water Resources Control Board  
Administrative Hearings Office  
will hold a status conference on  
the petitions for partial assignment of State-Filed Applications 12919 and 12920  
and  
Water-Right Applications 12919C and 12920B of

#### **Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District.**

**The Status Conference will begin on  
December 20, 2022, at 9:00 am**

and will be held by Zoom teleconference.

You may participate in the Zoom teleconference by using the link:

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/92710898515?pwd=OFhVNSsxbG5wSW5GaVdWeVpFdE5BQT09> with Meeting ID: 927 1089 8515 and Passcode: 531454

or by calling in at:

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**Interested members of the public who would like to watch this hearing without participating may do so through the Administrative Hearings Office YouTube channel, accessible by clicking on “Watch AHO Hearings” at:**

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/administrative\\_hearings\\_office/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/administrative_hearings_office/)

### **BACKGROUND**

On August 20, 2021, the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) issued a Notice of Status Conference regarding the petitions for partial assignment of State-Filed Applications 12919 and 12920 and water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B of Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (Mendocino District). Additional background information about Mendocino District’s

petitions for partial assignment and application for a permit to appropriate water is included in the August 20 notice.

The AHO held status conferences in this matter on November 2, 2021; February 15, 2022; and August 19, 2022.

### **STATUS CONFERENCE RULING**

The hearing officer sets the following deadlines based on the Mendocino District's August 11 status conference statement and comments and requests made by the parties during the August 19 status conference:

**October 15, 2022, at 12 p.m.:** Protestants shall submit in writing to the Mendocino District and the AHO, with a copy to the service list, any objections to or comments on the preliminary water availability analysis submitted by the Mendocino District.

**December 15, 2022, at 12 p.m.:** Mendocino District shall submit to the Division and the AHO, with a copy to the service list, any amendments to the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12919 and 12920 or water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B.

**December 16, 2022, at 12 p.m.:** Mendocino District shall submit a status conference statement to the AHO, with a copy to the service list, describing the status of each of the actions that it is directed to take in this status conference ruling.

**January 15, 2023, at 12 p.m.:**<sup>1</sup> Mendocino District shall publicly release and submit to the AHO a Notice of Intent or Notice of Preparation for a CEQA document for the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12919 and 12920 or water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B, with a copy to the service list.

The AHO will post all information and comments received by the AHO from the Mendocino District and the protestants on the Water Board AHO FTP site in the folder for this matter.

The requests for information in this ruling are made by the AHO pursuant to Water Code sections 1275 and 1334. Failure of the Mendocino District or any protestant to the petitions or applications to provide the requested information by the deadline provided may result in cancellation of the application or protest.

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<sup>1</sup> During the status conference, the hearing officer stated, in error, that she would impose a deadline of February 15, 2023. The January 15, 2023 deadline set in this status conference ruling corresponds with the written request from the Mendocino District in its August 11 status conference statement.

**NOTICE OF DECEMBER 20, 2022 STATUS CONFERENCE**

The AHO hearing officer will hold a status conference on the date and at the time specified on the first page of this notice by Zoom teleconference. No in-person appearances will be allowed. The status conference will be held and electronically recorded by Zoom teleconference. The AHO will not retain a court reporter for the status conference. Any party may arrange for a court reporter at the party's own expense.

During the status conference, the AHO hearing officer will ask Mendocino District to provide an update on its progress since the August 19 status conference and will invite comments from any other participants.

Parties other than the Mendocino District are not required to file status conference statements. If any other party wants to file a status conference statement, then the party shall file the status conference statement with the AHO, and serve copies of it on the other parties listed in the attached service list, by **December 16, 2022, at 12 p.m.**

Date: August 25, 2022

/s/ Nicole L. Kuenzi  
Nicole Kuenzi, Hearing Officer

Attachments:  
- Service List

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