
State Water Resources Control Board

PROCEDURAL RULING AND NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office
will hold a status conference for hearing **Phase 1B**
on the applications of

**North Kern Water Storage District and City of Shafter (Application 31673),
City of Bakersfield (Application 31674),
Buena Vista Water Storage District (Application 31675),
Kern Water Bank Authority (Application 31676),
Kern County Water Agency (Application 31677), and
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Application 31819)**

for permits to appropriate water from the Kern River system.

**The status conference will be held on
June 8, 2022, at 9:00 am**
and will be held by Zoom teleconference.

Representatives of parties and other people who want to participate in this status conference may access the Zoom teleconference by using the following link and call-in information:

Please access Zoom by using the link:
<https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/94898947896?pwd=SXNrZ3lQeFZwM2liaiBMakpHbGFTUT09> with Meeting ID: 948 9894 7896 and Passcode: 609008

or by calling in at:
+16699009128,,94898947896#,,,,*609008# US (San Jose)

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/

On January 12, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board or Board) Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) issued a Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference and Notice of Public Hearing, Phase 1B, in the matter of the Kern River Applications, on the pending applications of North Kern Water Storage District and City of Shafter (Application 31673), City of Bakersfield (Application 31674), Buena Vista Water Storage District (Application 31675), Kern Water Bank Authority (Application 31676), Kern County Water Agency (Application 31677), and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (Application 31819) for permits to appropriate water from the Kern River system.

The AHO held a pre-hearing conference on February 1 and issued a Pre-Hearing Conference Order and Amended Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conferences on February 9, 2022. The AHO held a pre-hearing conference on March 1, issued a pre-hearing conference ruling on March 18, and held a third pre-hearing conference on April 21.

The AHO held the case-in-chief portion of the Phase 1B hearing on May 2 through May 10, 2022.

HEARING SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES

The hearing officer has amended the deadline for submission of evidentiary motions on rebuttal exhibits from June 6 to June 3, and amended the deadline for submission of responses to those motions from June 13 to June 10, as reflected in the schedule below.

Deadlines / Schedule	Date and Time
Deadline for all parties to file rebuttal exhibits and exhibit identification indices with AHO.	May 23, 2022, 12:00 p.m.
Deadline for parties to file written evidentiary motions.	June 3, 2022, 12:00 p.m.
Status Conference.	June 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Deadline for parties to file responses to written evidentiary motions.	June 10, 2022, 12:00 p.m.
Phase 1B Hearing for presentation of rebuttal.	June 20-24, 2022, 9:00 a.m., and additional dates as necessary.

STATUS CONFERENCE

The status conferences will address procedural or evidentiary matters raised by the parties or the hearing officer. The hearing officer requests that if any party has a procedural matter that it would like the hearing officer to address during the status conference, the party submit a request briefly describing the issue to the AHO in writing, copied to the service list, by **5 p.m. on June 6**. Absent any request from the parties, the hearing officer may vacate the status conference scheduled for June 8.

Parties do not need to file status conference statements. If any 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 the deadline in this notice. After the deadline to submit status conference statements, the AHO will post the statements on the Water Board AHO FTP site (FTP site) in the folder for this matter.

Date: May 10, 2022

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