



# News Advisory

## Reporting Deadline Looming for Water Diverters

*Minimum \$1,000 fine possible for missing June 30 date*

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People who divert water from California's surface waters and underground streams are facing a deadline of June 30 to file a Statement of Water Diversion and Use with the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights.

An initial statement is required of anyone who diverts water and has not filed a statement in the past. Once an initial statement is filed, a supplemental statement is required every three years. The Division sent notices in March to those whose supplemental statements are due by June 30 of this year.

Households or businesses that get their water from municipal water systems or public or private water agencies are not required to file a statement.

Those reporting for the first time are required to report on water diverted during 2011; those filing a supplemental statement this year (one third of statement holders) are reporting on the previous three years.

First time water use reporters can print a copy of the Statement of Water Diversion and Use from the Water Board web site, fill it out and mail it to the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Water Rights. The form is available on this website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/diversion\\_use/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/diversion_use/)

On March 5, 2012, notices were sent to the one-third of statement holders that are required to file their supplemental statements by June 30, 2012. The notices contained the user identification and password required to log in and file the reports electronically. General questions about logging in and using the online reporting system can be directed to the Division of Water Rights at (916) 341-5431.

More than 65 percent of those who are required to file a supplemental statement had not filed them as of June 20. ***Failure to file a report by the June 30 deadline can result in a minimum fine of \$1,000.***

Information on who needs to file, how to file and forms for filing are on the Water Board's Division of Water Rights website at:





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