
State Water Resources Control Board

2015 SUMMARY OF WATER SHORTAGE NOTICES

Updated December 18, 2015

- **Sacramento River and Delta – Water Shortage Notice Sent to 5,992 rights**
 - May 1, 2015: All Post-1914 rights.
 - June 12, 2015: All appropriative water rights with a priority date between 1903 and 1914.
 - September 18, 2015: 238 of the water rights with a priority date between 1903 and 1914 in the Sacramento and Feather River watersheds and the Delta received a notice that there was currently water available to meet their reported demand. Water shortage notifications stayed in effect for the remainder of these water rights in the Yuba, American, and San Joaquin watersheds.
 - October 27, 2015: Water right holders with a priority date between 1903 and 1914 in the American River and Yuba River watersheds received a notice that there was currently water available to meet their reported demand, to remain in effect until further notice.
 - November 2, 2015: All pre-1927 appropriative water right holders received a notice that there was currently water available to meet their reported demand, to remain in effect until further notice.
 - November 2, 2015: A temporary opportunity to divert was issued to all Post-1914 water rights. This notice remains in effect until further notice.
 - Permitted and licensed water rights with Term 91 were curtailed on April 30, 2015. The Term 91 curtailment was lifted on December 10, 2015.

- **San Joaquin River – Water Shortage Notice Sent to 3,026 rights**
 - April 23, 2015: All Post-1914 appropriative rights.
 - June 12, 2015: All appropriative water rights with a priority date between 1903 and 1914.
 - Additional sub-watershed water shortage notices sent to:
 - June 26, 2015: Appropriative rights in the Upper San Joaquin watershed¹ with a priority date senior to 1903.
 - June 26, 2015: Appropriative rights in the Merced watershed with a priority date between 1858 and 1902.
 - June 26, 2015: Four appropriative rights in the Tuolumne River watershed.
 - October 27, 2015: Pre-1914 water right holders who received water shortage notices in June 2015 were notified that there was water available to meet their reported demand, and will remain in effect until further notice.
 - November 2, 2015: A temporary opportunity to divert was issued to all Post-1914 water rights. This notice remains in effect until further notice.
 - Permitted and licensed water rights with Term 91 were curtailed on April 30, 2015. The Term 91 curtailment was lifted on December 10, 2015.

¹ The Upper San Joaquin watershed includes the area upstream of Friant Dam down to the confluence with the Merced River.

- **Scott River – Water Shortage Notice Sent to 204 rights**
 - April 23, 2015: All Decreed Surplus Class Rights, Post-1914 rights, and Priority class 2 water rights in Schedule D4.
 - December 10, 2015: A temporary opportunity to divert was issued to all Decreed Surplus Class Rights, Post-1914 rights, and Priority class 2 water rights in Schedule D4water rights. This notice remains in effect until further notice.

- **Deer Creek (tributary of the Sacramento River) – Curtailment Order Sent to 49 rights**
 - Water rights affected: Post-1914 rights (with limited exceptions) and other right holders required to provide specified fishery flows
 - Curtailment periods: Curtailment started on October 23, 2015. Rights were previously curtailed from April 17, 2015 to June 3, 2015.

- **Antelope Creek (tributary of the Sacramento River) – Curtailment Order Sent to 58 rights**
 - Water rights affected: Post-1914 rights (with limited exceptions) and other right holders required to provide specified fishery flows
 - Curtailment periods: Curtailment started November 1, 2015. Rights were previously curtailed from April 3, 2015 through May 29, 2015

Total Number of Water Rights Affected by Lack of Supply: 9,329