

Addendum 1 – Temporary and Conditional Suspension to Scott River Curtailments Orders

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To: Scott River Water Right Holders (sent to water right holders for which the Board has email addresses and to the Scott-Shasta Drought E-mail List)

Based on the forecast of precipitation this weekend, current and projected flows at the [United States Geological Survey \(USGS\) Fort Jones gage](#), and available but highly uncertain water demand estimates, this addendum provides for the **temporary suspension of all curtailments in the Scott River watershed through 11:59 pm on Friday, August 30, 2024, as long as the following conditions are met:**

- **Flows are greater than 35 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the USGS Fort Jones gage;**
- **Flows remain greater than 35 cfs at the USGS Fort Jones gages;**
- **If diversions are initiated under the first two bullets, all diversions shall cease when the flow at the USGS Fort Jones gage decreases to or falls below 35 cfs; and**
- **Upon commencing diversions under this addendum, surface water diverters shall report their diversions to the State Water Board via email (Email to: scottshastadrought@waterboards.ca.gov), including the amount of water being diverted and associated water right. Changes to the initial diversion amount shall be reported at least daily throughout the term of this addendum.**

This is Addendum 1 to: Order [WR 2024-0024-DWR](#) and Order [WR 2024-0025-DWR](#) (Curtailment Orders). These Curtailment Orders are issued to support maintaining the minimum instream flow requirements established in the [emergency regulation](#). Flows at the [USGS Fort Jones gage](#) have been below the 30 cfs minimum flow requirement since August 6, 2024. Based on the current flow at the Fort Jones gage and other available information (i.e., flow response to recent precipitation, precipitation forecast for rain this weekend, flow forecast, potential water demand, and past flow responses to rain events in similar water years), the State Water Board is issuing a temporary suspension of curtailments in the Scott River through August 30, 2024. This addendum is limited to one week due to the dynamic nature of the Scott River flows, uncertainty in flow response from forecasted precipitation, uncertainty in the amount of diverters turning on and total demand, the increased flow requirement of 33 cfs at the Fort Jones gage starting on September 1, and risk of not maintaining the minimum instream flow requirement.

The State Water Board will continue to monitor flows, flow forecasts, and watershed conditions regularly to determine if further adjustments to curtailments are appropriate and if the suspension can be extended.

2024 LOCAL COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS

As a reminder, this addendum does not modify any local cooperative solutions. The Curtailment Orders are already suspended for participants with local cooperative solutions. All water rights with a local cooperative solution, including 'approved' or 'pending' 2024 groundwater local cooperative solutions, must continue to follow their proposals.

QUESTIONS AND HOW TO STAY INFORMED

Please monitor your email and our website [Scott River and Shasta River EmergencyRegulation Response website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/) for future updates. If an email notice is issued on the weekend, the website will not be updated until the following Monday due to service limitations.

If you have questions regarding this email, please contact staff by email at:

ScottShastaDrought@waterboards.ca.gov or leave a message at our dedicated Scott River and Shasta River Drought phone line at: (916) 327-3113.

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