

Addendum 2 – Scott River Groundwater Curtailment Suspension and Required Information for Potential Future Surface Water Diversions

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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 upward trend of flows at the [United States Geological Survey \(USGS\) Fort Jones gage](#), precipitation and flow forecasts, and highly uncertain water demand estimates, **this addendum provides for the suspension of groundwater curtailments in the Scott River watershed and requires reporting of projected surface water diversions for diverters with an interest such diversions, as conditioned below.**

For Overlying and Adjudicated Groundwater Diversions:

Overlying and adjudicated groundwater curtailments are hereby suspended as long as the following conditions are met:

- **Upon commencing diversions under this addendum, groundwater diverters shall notify State Water Board staff** via email to: scottshastadrought@waterboards.ca.gov; and
- **All diversions shall cease when the flow at the UGSS Fort Jones gage is at or below the minimum flow requirement (e.g., 33 cfs for the month of September).**

As a reminder, this addendum does not modify any local cooperative solutions. The Curtailment Orders do not apply to participants with approved local cooperative solutions or those listed as pending on the State Water Board's [2024 Local Cooperative Solutions website](#). All water rights with a local cooperative solution, including 'approved' or 'pending' 2024 groundwater local cooperative solutions, must continue to follow their proposals.

For Surface Water Diversions: To inform the demand associated with any potential future suspension of surface water curtailments, surface water diverters who would like to divert for irrigation if the suspension is expanded need to contact **State Water Board staff via email (Email to: scottshastadrought@waterboards.ca.gov) by the end of the day on Monday, September 9, 2024 and provide the following information:**

- Certification that the diverted water will not be used for inefficient livestock watering until the requirements of Section 575.7 of the [Emergency Regulation](#) are met;
- An estimate of amount of water that the diverter would like to divert (e.g., 0.5 cfs) for each of the remaining weeks in September (e.g., September 9-15; September 16-22; and September 23-30); and
- The water right(s) associated with the desired surface water diversion.

Based on the received information from surface water diverters, the suspension

of curtailments may be expanded to surface water diversions. **At this time surface water diversions in the Scott River watershed remain curtailed.**

Those that want to turn on if curtailments are suspended for surface water diversions need to submit the requested information above.

Background:

This is Addendum 2 to [Order WR 2024-0024-DWR](#) and [Order WR 2024-0025-DWR](#) in the Scott River watershed. 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 at or above the September flow requirement (33 cfs) and generally increasing since September 3, 2024. Based on the current flow at the USGS Fort Jones gage and other available information (i.e., flow response to recent precipitation, flow and precipitation forecasts, and potential water demand). Due to uncertainty in upcoming precipitation forecasts and anticipated flow responses, uncertainty regarding surface water demand, and risk of not maintaining the minimum instream flow requirement associated with surface water demands, the Board needs information regarding surface water demand to support potential future curtailment actions.

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.

Questions and How to Stay Informed

Please monitor your email and our website [Scott River and Shasta River Emergency Regulation Response website](#) (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.

If you received this notice in a forwarded message and would like to receive future emails related to this and similar efforts, please sign up for the State Water Board's "Scott-Shasta Drought" [email subscription list](#) under "Water Rights" at:

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