



# State Water Resources Control Board

# UPDATED

## NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON A POTENTIAL EMERGENCY REGULATION FOR THE SCOTT RIVER AND SHASTA RIVER WATERSHEDS AND LOCAL ALTERNATIVES TO AN EMERGENCY REGULATION

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Division of Water Rights (Division) is soliciting input on the potential readoption of the emergency regulation establishing minimum instream flow requirements for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds and proposals for viable alternatives to the emergency regulation. See below for information on the virtual meeting and how to submit written comments on readoption of the emergency regulation with any proposed changes and potential alternative to the regulation.

# VIRTUAL MEETING DETAILS

#### Tuesday Wednesday, November 12, 2024 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Zoom Link: <u>https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/94775015162</u> You may also join the Zoom meeting by phone at:

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This meeting will be offered in English and Hmong (white). Interpretation services will be available through Zoom for online attendees. Requests for additional interpretation services can be made by using <u>this form</u><sup>1</sup>, by phone call to: (916) 327-3113, or by email to: <u>scottshastadrought@waterboards.ca.gov</u>, or. We will do our best to fulfill requests.

It is possible that one or more members of the State Water Board may attend the meeting. No quorum of the State Water Board will be present at the meeting, and no State Water Board action will be taken.

# INPUT ON READOPTION OF EMERGENCY REGULATION

Staff are soliciting input regarding whether to readopt an emergency regulation establishing minimum instream flow requirements for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds. Staff are further seeking input on potential changes to the regulation, should it be re-adopted. The current <u>emergency regulation</u><sup>2</sup> adopted by the State Water

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> URL: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=JWoY\_kl95kGZQQXSKB 02weK0qg8yprhDkaNWK3voyE5UM0dPUTEyRk03QIBBTFg1VUo3MjIUUTgwNC4u <sup>2</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 23, § 875 et seq., available at URL: https://www.w aterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\_shasta\_rivers/docs/2024/scott-shasta-reg-oalapproval-2024.pdf

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Board on December 19, 2023, is in effect through January 31, 2025.

# SOLICITATION OF LOCAL ALTERNATIVES TO EMERGENCY REGULATION

The Division of Water Rights also invites submission of specific proposals for alternatives to readoption of the emergency regulation. Alternative to readoption of an emergency regulation should:

- Be support by diverse interests in the watershed;
- Be enforceable;
- Be implemented at a local level; and
- Extend longer than the one-year term of an emergency regulation.

### SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Comments on the readoption of the emergency regulation, including any proposed changes to the emergency regulation, and proposals for alternatives to an emergency regulation must be submitted by **12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday**,

**November 20, 2024**. Comments may be submitted via email (preferred) or hard copy as noted below.

Email to:

(with subject line of Scott-Shasta Emergency Regulation/Alternatives Comments) <u>ScottShastaDrought@waterboards.ca.gov</u>

or

### Hard copy\* mail to:

State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812 (mail) 1001 I Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand-delivery)

\* Hard copies must be received (not postmarked) at the State Water Board office by the close of the comment period.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & HOW TO RECEIVE UPDATES

For additional information regarding the emergency regulation, please visit the State Water Board's <u>Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds Emergency Regulation</u> <u>website<sup>3</sup></u>.

If you would like to receive email updates please <u>sign up</u><sup>4</sup> under "State Water Resources Control Board" and "Water Rights" for the "Scott-Shasta Drought" email subscription list.

# QUESTIONS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> URL: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\_shasta\_rivers/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> URL: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\_subscriptions/

Please email questions regarding this notice and related efforts to: <u>ScottShastaDrought@waterboards.ca.gov</u> or leave a message at our dedicated Scott River and Shasta River Emergency Regulation phone line at: (916) 327-3113.