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## State Water Resources Control Board

June 10, 2026

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### **ORDER IMPOSING WATER RIGHT CURTAILMENT AND REQUIRING REPORTING FOR GROUNDWATER PUMPING UNDER SCHEDULE C OF THE SCOTT RIVER ADJUDICATION AND OVERLYING GROUNDWATER DIVERSIONS (GROUP 9) IN THE SCOTT RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATED WITH PARCELS LISTED IN ATTACHMENT A (ORDER WR 2026-0008-DWR)**

This letter and the enclosed Order contain information regarding the **immediate curtailment of groundwater diversion for parcels listed in Attachment A**<sup>1</sup> (at the end of the Order), that are owned by <<PRIMARY OWNER>> or their successor(s) in interest.

Since August 30, 2021, drought regulations have been in place establishing emergency minimum flows in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds, except for a brief period between August 1, 2023, to January 31, 2024. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 875-875.9.) The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the current drought emergency regulation (Emergency Regulation) into effect on February 1, 2024. The [Emergency Regulation](#)<sup>2</sup> is available online. [Assembly Bill 263](#)<sup>3</sup>, passed on September 26, 2025, extends the effective period of the Emergency Regulation until January 1, 2031, or until adoption of permanent rules establishing and implementing long-term instream flow requirements in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds, whichever occurs first (Wat. Code § 1058.5(c)).

The Emergency Regulation establishes minimum flow requirements for the Scott River watershed and requires curtailment of diversions, when necessary, to meet those flows. Flows at the [Fort Jones United States Geological Survey \(USGS\) gage](#) have generally

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<sup>1</sup> Attachment A lists the parcels associated with the overlying and adjudicated groundwater rights that comprise Priority Group 9 in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 875.5, subdivision (a)(1)(A)(ix). These are the highest priority rights in the Scott watershed.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2024/scott-shasta-reg-2024.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2024/scott-shasta-reg-2024.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB263](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB263)

been decreasing since April 22, 2026, and dropped below the minimum flow requirement on May 21, 2026. The State Water Board reinstated curtailments for all surface water rights (Groups 1-8) in the Scott River watershed on May 21, 2026 (Addendum 9). On May 23, 2026, flows began to rebound and increased above the minimum flow requirement. On May 25, 2026, curtailments were conditionally suspended for Group 8 surface water rights (Addendum 10). Flows continued to increase following precipitation in the watershed and Addendum 11 was issued on May 27, 2026, conditionally suspending curtailments when both the priority group's conditions were met and flows exceeded the minimum flow requirement. On June 9, 2026, Addendum 12 was issued, reinstating curtailments for all surface water rights as flows dropped below the flow requirement and are trending downward with no significant precipitation in the forecast. With no remaining snowpack and forecasts of no precipitation and higher-than-average temperatures for the watershed, without curtailment, flows are anticipated to continue to decline and remain below the minimum flow requirement.

The enclosed Order:

- Curtails adjudicated groundwater rights and known overlying groundwater rights that are greater than two-acre feet per year in order of water right priority;
- Describes exceptions to curtailments and the reporting (certifications or petitions) that must be completed for limited uses (i.e., minimum human health and safety needs [including for firefighting], livestock needs, non-consumptive instream uses); and
- Requires reporting to confirm receipt of and compliance with the Order.

**You or your agent of record are responsible for immediately notifying all parties that divert groundwater for use on the parcels identified in Attachment A of the enclosed Order and its requirements.**

The State Water Board acknowledges that many people throughout the watershed have taken steps to reduce water use during the past years. This order is being suspended as to those parties with pending or approved groundwater local cooperative solutions<sup>4</sup>.

### **Curtailment of Water Rights in Scott River Watershed**

With the attached Order, the State Water Board is requiring certain groundwater right holders in the Scott River watershed to cease diversions under their water rights until water supply conditions improve in the watershed.

The Emergency Regulation follows the water right priorities in the Scott River, French Creek, Shackelford Creek, and Shasta River adjudications, and adds in rights that are not addressed under those adjudications (e.g., post-adjudication rights, some

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<sup>4</sup> Information on Local Cooperative Solutions under 2026 Scott-Shasta Emergency Regulation including the status of each proposal is available on the State Water Board 2026 Local Cooperative Solutions webpage:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/lcs2026.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/lcs2026.html)

groundwater rights). The regulation does not change the adjudications or affect the authority of the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District to implement the adjudications, or of the Siskiyou County Superior Court to administer or otherwise retain and exercise jurisdiction over the adjudications. Section 875.5(a) of the Emergency Regulation describes the order of priority for curtailments in the Scott River watershed. The State Water Board recently issued Addendum 12 to [Order WR 2024-0024-DWR](#) and [Order WR 2026-0005-DWR](#) (Orders) reinstating full curtailments (rather than conditional curtailments) of all surface water diversions in the Scott River watershed. If you received either of those Orders, you are subject to the requirements in the surface water Order(s) as well as this Order for the applicable water rights and diversions.

The State Water Board will provide all future updates to curtailments (when suspended, reinstated, or rescinded) on the State Water Board's "[Scott-Shasta Drought](#)" webpage<sup>5</sup> and through emails sent out to individuals that have signed up for the "[Scott-Shasta Drought & Flow Efforts](#)" Email Subscription List<sup>6</sup> under "Water Rights." Signing up for this email list is the best way to stay informed about implementation of the Emergency Regulation, including changes to curtailments. All water users are highly encouraged to sign up for the list.

### **Allowances for Continued Limited Diversions**

The Emergency Regulation has exceptions for certain types of diversions that may continue even after you receive a curtailment order, if the appropriate information is submitted to the State Water Board. These exceptions to curtailment are:

- ***Non-consumptive Diversions***. This exception applies if your diversion does not consumptively use water, meaning that it does not use up water or change the time the water is available to others (e.g., run-of-river hydropower with returns entering the same stream, instream use).
- ***Minimum Human Health and Safety Diversions***. This exception applies if a curtailed diversion is your only water source for minimum human health and safety purposes, like drinking, cooking, washing, or meeting the state's critical infrastructure needs. Please note that diversions for firefighting may continue under this exception.
- ***Minimum Livestock Watering Diversions***. This exception provides for the continued diversion of minimum amounts of water for livestock identified in the regulation and applies only if the curtailed diversion is your only source for livestock watering. See section 875.3 in the Emergency Regulation for more information on minimum livestock watering.

**If you want to continue diverting using one of the above exceptions, you must submit additional information to the State Water Board. Form(s) to provide the applicable information are available [online](#) at:**

[https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/addendums/](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/).

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<sup>5</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/)

**Required Response – Curtailment Reporting**

**By Friday, July 10, 2026**, water right holders or their agents receiving this Order are required to submit certain information to the State Water Board. To assist with reporting the required information, the Scott Overlying and Adjudicated Groundwater Curtailment Report – Compliance Information form is available on the [Scott-Shasta curtailments webpage](#)<sup>7</sup>. The required information relates to acknowledging that your groundwater right has been curtailed and whether you are pursuing an exception to continue limited diversions under the Order as described above.

Staff are available to answer questions or otherwise assist with reporting. (See the Questions, Resources, and How to Stay Informed section below for contact information.)

**Groundwater Local Cooperative Solutions**

Under the Emergency Regulation, local cooperative solutions by individuals or groups may be proposed by petition to the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Rights (Deputy Director) as an alternative means of reducing water use to meet or preserve the emergency minimum flows, or to provide other fishery benefits, in lieu of curtailment. Section 875, subdivision (f)(4)(D) describes three types of local cooperative solutions that are specifically available for overlying or adjudicated groundwater diversions for irrigated agriculture: Best Management Practices, Graduated Cessation Schedule, and Percent Reduction. The Deputy Director may approve a proposal submitted by an individual or group, if it meets the specific requirements of the applicable groundwater local cooperative solution type and satisfies the metering and inspection requirements.

The deadline for submitting proposed groundwater local cooperative solutions for the 2026 irrigation season was April 15, 2026. Groundwater local cooperative solution applicants that submitted a proposal for the 2026 irrigation season must implement their proposal even if it is not yet approved. Staff are in the process of reviewing the applications, and for applications that were not approvable without additional information or revision, are engaging with applicants to solicit additional information and/or changes to the proposal to support an ultimate decision.

**For groundwater diversions associated with parcels identified in a pending groundwater local cooperative solution proposal:** This curtailment order is suspended during the period in which the State Water Board is reviewing the groundwater local cooperative solution proposal, but only to the extent that any continued diversion is within the limits described in the proposed groundwater local cooperative solution. Diversion not in conformance with pending groundwater local cooperative solution proposals are therefore diversions in violation of the curtailment order. Applicants with pending proposals shall continue working with State Water Board staff to update their groundwater local cooperative solution proposals until ultimate approval or denial. If a pending proposal is ultimately denied, the suspension of this Order ends, and the petitioner must immediately curtail all associated diversions.

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<sup>7</sup> [https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/addendums/](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/)

**Potential Enforcement**

The enclosed Order includes enforceable requirements regarding a water right or claim of right that require your immediate attention. Diverting water in violation of the enclosed curtailment order or the Emergency Regulation risks administrative fines, a cease and desist order, or prosecution in court. The State Water Board has enforcement discretion and decisions related to enforcement and associated penalties are based on the specific circumstances of the violation. Fines may be up to \$10,000 per day of violation and an additional \$3,000 for each acre-foot of water diverted in violation of the curtailment order. (Wat. Code, § 1846.)

**Request for Reconsideration**

You may submit a petition within 30 days to request that the State Water Board reconsider the enclosed curtailment order. The process and grounds for reconsideration are provided by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 768 through 771. To ensure timely consideration, any petition for reconsideration should be emailed to: [ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov).

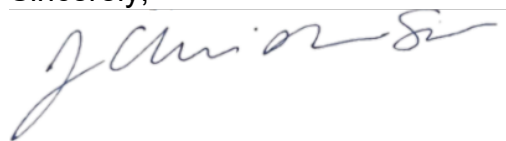
**Questions, Resources, and How to Stay Informed**

You can contact staff by email to: [ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ScottShastaFlows@waterboards.ca.gov) or by calling and leaving a message at our dedicated phone line at: (916) 327-3113. Please be aware that calls and emails will be responded to as soon as possible in the order received. Staff will try to return calls within 24 hours, but responses may take longer depending on call volume.

Additional information on the Emergency Regulation and related items is available on the "[Scott-Shasta Drought](#)" [webpage](#) (see footnote 5 for webpage address).

We highly encourage you to sign up for the "Scott-Shasta Drought & Flows" [Email Subscription List](#) under "Water Rights" (see footnote 6). **This is the best way to stay informed about changes to the status of curtailments and other important information related to the Emergency Regulation.**

Sincerely,



Juliet Christian-Smith  
Deputy Director  
Division of Water Rights

Enclosure: Order WR-2026-0008-DWR, In the Matter of Groundwater Pumping Associated with Parcels Listed in Attachment A of <<PRIMARY OWNER>>, Order Imposing Water Right Curtailment and Requiring Reporting for Groundwater Pumping Under Schedule C of the Scott River Adjudication and Overlying Groundwater Diversions in the Scott River Watershed (Priority Group 9)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

**ORDER WR 2026-0008-DWR**

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**IN THE MATTER OF GROUNDWATER PUMPING ASSOCIATED WITH PARCELS  
LISTED IN ATTACHMENT A OF**

**«PRIMARY OWNER»<sup>1</sup>,**

**ORDER IMPOSING WATER RIGHT CURTAILMENT AND REQUIRING REPORTING  
FOR GROUNDWATER PUMPING UNDER SCHEDULE C OF THE SCOTT RIVER  
ADJUDICATION AND OVERLYING GROUNDWATER DIVERSIONS IN THE SCOTT  
RIVER WATERSHED (PRIORITY GROUP 9)**

**ISSUED JUNE 10, 2026**

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**FINDINGS:**

1. Since August 30, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) has adopted and implemented a regulation establishing emergency minimum flows in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds, which have remained in effect except for a brief period between August 1, 2023 and January 31, 2024. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 875-875.9.) The State Water Board has made minor amendments to the emergency regulation, with the current version, titled *Establishment of Minimum Instream Flow Requirements, Curtailment Authority, and Information Order Authority in the Scott River and Shasta River Watersheds* (hereinafter "[Regulation](#)"<sup>2</sup>), in effect since February 1, 2024.
2. [Assembly Bill 263](#)<sup>3</sup>, enacted on September 26, 2025, made legislative findings related to the importance of minimum flows for salmonids in the Scott and Shasta Rivers, and amended Water Code, section 1058.5, subdivision (c), to extend the duration of the Regulation, mandating that it remain in effect until January 1, 2031, or until adoption of permanent rules establishing and implementing long-term instream flows in these watersheds, whichever comes first.

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<sup>1</sup> You are receiving this Order as the owner of record for the water right(s) associated with parcels listed in Attachment A. This Order applies to you and all agents, successors in interest, grantees, and assigns thereto.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/agendas/2023/dec/121923\\_5\\_ereg.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/2023/dec/121923_5_ereg.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2024/scott-shasta-reg-2024.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2024/scott-shasta-reg-2024.pdf)

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E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

3. State Water Board [Resolution No. 2025-0002](#)<sup>4</sup> and the Board's [Findings of Emergency Regulation Digest](#)<sup>5</sup>, dated January 2025, describe the need for the Regulation and its intent. State Water Board Resolution No. 2025-0002 and the Findings of Emergency Regulation and Informative Digest are incorporated by reference into this Order.
4. The Regulation establishes minimum instream flows for the Scott River, as measured in cubic feet per second (cfs) at United States Geological Survey gage no. 11519500 located downstream of the city of Fort Jones at the northern end of Scott Valley (Scott River Mile 21) ([USGS Fort Jones gage](#)<sup>6</sup>), as the natural flow of the system up to the following amounts:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun 1-23	Jun 24-30	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
200	200	200	150	150	125	90	50	30	33	40	60	150

5. The Regulation includes California Code of Regulations, title 23<sup>7</sup>, sections 875, 875.1, 875.2, 875.3, 875.5, 875.6, 875.7, 875.8, and 875.9, and among other things establishes the circumstances under which the State Water Board may issue curtailments in the Scott River watershed to maintain minimum flows for fish, as well as exceptions to curtailments and curtailment reporting requirements.
6. Flows in the Scott River are influenced by a variety of factors, including precipitation, snowmelt, surface water and groundwater demands, and groundwater basin levels. In Winter 2025-26 and Spring 2026, Scott Valley received a below average amount of snow, along with associated reductions in snowmelt. Since early April 2026 there has been no significant snow cover remaining in the Scott River watershed. Flows have generally been steadily decreasing in the Scott River, as measured at the Fort Jones USGS gage, and on May 21, 2026, flow at the Fort Jones USGS gage dropped below the minimum flow requirement. In response to the decreasing flow trend and flows dropping below the minimum flow requirement, on May 21, 2026, the State Water Board issued [Addendum 9](#)<sup>8</sup> to [Order No. 2024-0024-DWR](#)<sup>9</sup>, reinstating curtailments for all surface water rights in the Scott River watershed. On

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<sup>4</sup>[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/resolutions/2025/rs2025-0002.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2025/rs2025-0002.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2025/scott-shasta-drought-informative-digest.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2025/scott-shasta-drought-informative-digest.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/USGS-11519500/#period=P7D&dataTypeId=continuous-000600&showFieldMeasurements=true>

<sup>7</sup> All subsequent section references in this order are to California Code of Regulations, title 23 unless otherwise noted.

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2026/scott-addendum-9a.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2026/scott-addendum-9a.pdf)

<sup>9</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2024/order-wr-2024-0024-dwr.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2024/order-wr-2024-0024-dwr.pdf)

May 23, 2026, flows began to rebound in response to curtailments and increased above the minimum flow requirement. On May 25, 2026, [Addendum 10](#)<sup>10</sup> was issued conditionally suspending curtailments for Group 8 surface water rights. Flows continued to increase following precipitation in the watershed, with more rain anticipated. As such, [Addendum 11](#)<sup>11</sup> was issued on May 27, 2026, expanding the conditional suspension of curtailments to cover all surface water rights (Priority Groups 1-8). As of May 29, 2026, flows again began declining in the Scott River. On June 3, 2026, at about 1:00 pm, flow at the Fort Jones USGS gage decreased to 124 cfs, below the June 1-23 flow requirement of 125 cfs. Accordingly, the Board sent an email reminding all surface water right holders and users of the requirements in Addendum 11. Flows rebounded briefly to above the flow requirement reaching a maximum daily average of about 130 cfs on June 5, 2026, and began decreasing thereafter and again dropped below the flow requirement of 125 cfs on June 8, 2026. On June 5, 2026, the Board issued Order WR 2026-0005-DWR, to additional surface water rights that were missed when [Order WR 2024-0024-DWR](#)<sup>12</sup> was issued. On June 9, 2026, the Board issued [Addendum 12](#)<sup>13</sup> thereby ending the conditional suspension of and reinstating curtailments for all surface water rights in the Scott River watershed. Based on the current flow and decreasing trend, hydrologic comparison with similar water year flow trends (2014 and 2015), temperature and precipitation forecasts, and the lack of remaining snowpack, flows are generally anticipated to continue to decline and remain below the minimum flow requirement without curtailment.

7. The May 2026 snow survey showed that the Scott River watershed received only one percent (1%) of the historical average (Department of Water Resources data, 1966–2015; see COURSES (ca.gov)<sup>14</sup>). As of May 13, 2026, minimal to no significant snow cover remains in the Scott River watershed. As a result, snowmelt is not anticipated to contribute to flows for the remainder of the irrigation season.
8. During the months of July through October, surface water and groundwater demand is high in the Scott River watershed. Low flows result in the disconnection of stream reaches within the mainstem Scott River. As of June 3, 2026, the following tributaries are disconnected or have isolated pools: Shackleford Creek, Moffet Creek, Kidder Creek, Patterson Creek and Etna Creek. Low flows and stream disconnection result in habitat fragmentation and delays in fall salmonid migration. Precipitation events are needed to support increased flows within the Scott River

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<sup>10</sup> [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2026/scott-addendum-10-attachmenta.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2026/scott-addendum-10-attachmenta.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/scott-addendum11-attachmenta.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/scott-addendum11-attachmenta.pdf)

<sup>12</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2026/order-wr-0005-dwr-scott-sws-curtailment.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2026/order-wr-0005-dwr-scott-sws-curtailment.pdf) (This footnote is located incorrectly. This URL is for Order WR-2026-0005-DWR.)

<sup>13</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/scott-addendum12-attachmenta.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/scott-addendum12-attachmenta.pdf)

<sup>14</sup> <https://cdec.water.ca.gov/reportapp/javareports?name=COURSES>

watershed and provide for connection of tributaries to the mainstem. Curtailment of surface water and groundwater water rights supports higher ground water levels, which support streamflow and stream connection in the fall when precipitation returns.

9. Based on the information provided in the UC Davis Scott Valley [Groundwater sites webpage](#), the average March 2026 groundwater level in the Scott Valley is similar to March 2024, but below the average level of March 2025. No new data have been provided beyond March 2026. Lower groundwater levels are likely a cumulative result of exceptionally low snowpack in Spring 2026, near average total precipitation received from October 2025 to May 2026, above average temperature through much of early spring, and reflective of streamflow's declining early and rapidly in the watershed. However, the average groundwater level is significantly higher compared to March 2021, 2022, and 2023 likely because of a variety of factors including average and slightly above average precipitation (in the form of rain and snow) in 2023 and 2024, curtailments, water-use reductions associated with groundwater local cooperative solutions, and other efforts. Additionally, diversion for intentional groundwater recharge by the Scott Valley Irrigation District was significantly higher in 2024-2026 than in 2021-2023. The effect and extent of this recharge project is being studied. Based on a comparison of this year's flow conditions following the issuance of surface water curtailments with similar historical periods, the relatively higher groundwater levels in the watershed appear to have influenced stream flows by slowing the rate of flow decline and, in some cases, contributing to a rebound in flows. This suggests that groundwater storage may be providing additional support to stream flow under current conditions. Higher groundwater levels can help flows rebound with less precipitation in the fall.
10. Based on a comparison of this year's hydrology to similar historical hydrographs, without curtailment, flows are expected to stay below the 125 cfs June 1-23 flow requirement. The Deputy Director for the Division of Water Rights (Deputy Director) has determined that without curtailment, as described in the Regulation, of all surface water and substantial groundwater rights<sup>15</sup> in the Scott River watershed, flows are likely to remain below the minimums specified in section 875, subdivision(c)(1)(A) and continue to decrease more rapidly than under curtailment until the hydrologic conditions in the watershed improve. As seen in previous years, curtailment could last through the remainder of the irrigation season and precipitation resumes in the Scott River watershed or be lifted if significant precipitation occurs and flows are sufficient to support the suspension of curtailment.
11. Ongoing assessment of water supply and demand projections remain pertinent to the management of curtailments. If the Scott River watershed responds more quickly to curtailment than anticipated, such that the flow requirements at the Fort Jones

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<sup>15</sup> In this context, substantial groundwater rights refers to diversions of two acre-feet or more per year.

USGS gage can be met and sustained through the summer, the Deputy Director can lift curtailments in the order of priority.

12. The State Water Board will provide all future updates to curtailments (e.g., the status of curtailment, including when suspended, reinstated, or rescinded) on the State Water Board's [Scott-Shasta Drought webpage](#)<sup>16</sup> and through emails sent out to individuals that have signed up for the "Scott-Shasta Drought & Flow Efforts" [Email Subscription List](#)<sup>17</sup> under "State Water Resources Control Board" and then "Water Rights". Signing up for this email list is the best way for those subject to this curtailment order to stay informed about implementation of the Regulation, including changes to curtailments.
13. A large portion of the farming and ranching community that irrigates with groundwater wells in the Scott River watershed has submitted proposals requesting groundwater local cooperative solutions in lieu of curtailment.
14. Diverters with pending or approved groundwater local cooperative solutions are not subject to this curtailment order (Regulation section 875(f)(1)(C).) Overlying groundwater diversions in the Scott River watershed share the most senior priority in the watershed, and their use is reduced correlatively with other users in times of shortage. Groundwater local cooperative solution petitioners have implemented groundwater use reduction and conservation measures since before curtailment was required, thus contributing to the available water supply. This effect is enhanced because groundwater diversions generally have a longer lag-time in effecting surface water from cessation of use than surface water rights. Furthermore, the permanent conservation measures implemented and the metering information from groundwater local cooperative solutions will continue to benefit the watershed in the future. Considering these factors, continued diversion under groundwater local cooperative solutions is reasonable and does not harm other legal users of water.
15. Groundwater local cooperative solution proposals submitted under Regulation section 875, subdivision (f)(4)(D) are undergoing continued information development and review by the Division of Water Rights and have yet to be officially approved or denied. The Division of Water Rights is currently working with petitioners to refine initial groundwater local cooperative solution proposals and gather additional information. However, compliance with the groundwater local cooperative solution proposals is required upon submission, and throughout the review process; thus, the proposed conservation measures have been ongoing since the start of the irrigation season. For these reasons, and those discussed in the previous paragraph, suspension of the curtailment order as to those with pending applications as listed on the [2026 Local Cooperative Solutions webpage](#)<sup>18</sup> is appropriate. Should a groundwater local cooperative solution be denied, the petitioner(s) to the proposal is immediately subject to curtailment.

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<sup>16</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/)

<sup>17</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/)

<sup>18</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/lcs2026.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/lcs2026.html)

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. This curtailment order shall be effective on June 11, 2026.
2. Groundwater pumping in the Scott River watershed on or for the lands described in Attachment A shall cease on June 11, 2026, or upon delivery of this Order, whichever is later. Diversions under this right may be permitted to continue only if authorized under an exception to curtailment as described by sections 875.1, 875.2, and 875.3 of the Regulation, or as described under paragraph 7, below.
3. In accordance with section 875, subdivision (d)(1) of the Regulation the water right holder or agent of record who receives this Order is responsible for immediately providing notice of this Order to all diverters exercising water right(s) associated with this Order.
4. <<PRIMARY OWNER>> or their agent or successor is required, no later than **July 10, 2026**, to report and certify the actions taken in response to this Order, as listed under Regulation, section 875.6, subdivision (a). A "Scott Overlying and Adjudicated Groundwater Curtailment Report – Compliance Information" form may be used to report the required information and is available [online](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/) at: [https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/addendums/](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/).
5. <<PRIMARY OWNER>> or their agent or successor shall complete and submit either a self-certification or a petition if an exception(s) to curtailment is needed to continue diverting for non-consumptive uses, minimum human health and safety needs, or minimum livestock watering needs, as authorized by and described in Regulation sections 875.1, 875.2, and 875.3, respectively, and meeting the requirements of Regulation sections 875.6, subdivision (b). Certification and petition forms are available on the [Scott-Shasta curtailment webpage](#)<sup>19</sup>. The forms are titled: (1) Scott & Shasta Minimum Human Health & Safety Certification – up to 55 gallons/person/day; (2) Scott & Shasta Minimum Human Livestock Diversion Certification and Petition; (3) Scott & Shasta Minimum Human Health & Safety Petition; and (4) Scott & Shasta Non-Consumptive Use Certification.
6. All subsequent modifications to this Order, including curtailment suspensions, reinstatements, rescission, or other modifications to the Order, shall be noticed through electronic means, including through the State Water Board's "Scott-Shasta Drought and Flow Efforts" [email distribution list](#) (see footnote 17 for webpage address) and will be posted to the "[Scott-Shasta Drought](#)" [webpage](#) (see footnote 16 for webpage address)). <<PRIMARY OWNER>> is responsible for signing up for the "Scott-Shasta Drought and Flow Efforts" e-mail subscription list and/or for checking the webpage referenced in this paragraph to receive such notice.
7. The reporting and curtailment requirements of this Order are conditionally suspended as to diversion and use of water as described in previously-submitted and pending groundwater local cooperative solutions. These are posted and

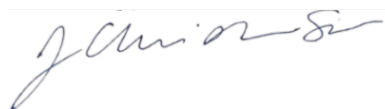
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<sup>19</sup> [https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/addendums/](https://waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/addendums/)

identified on the Board's [2026 Local Cooperative Solutions webpage](#) (see footnote 18 for webpage address). This suspension is conditioned on operation in compliance with the proposed groundwater local cooperative solution (including operational and reporting requirements) and responsiveness to staff communications regarding processing the request. The suspension terminates immediately upon denial of the pertinent groundwater local cooperative solution. Deviations from the proposed groundwater local cooperative solution are subject to enforcement. The status of each pending groundwater local cooperative solution proposal may change based on further evaluation of the proposals, at which time the petitioner will be notified via the email address provided as part of the request of an approval or denial, and the status on the webpage will be changed.

8. Violation of this Order shall be subject to enforcement and any applicable penalties pursuant to Water Code, sections 1052, 1058.5, 1831, 1845, and 1846. To the extent of any conflict between the requirements of this curtailment order and any other applicable orders or conditions of approval, the diverter must comply with the requirements that are most stringent.
9. Nothing in this Order is intended to or shall be construed to limit or preclude the State Water Board from exercising its authority under any statute, regulation, ordinance, or other law, including but not limited to, the authority to bring enforcement against diverters for unauthorized diversion or use in violation of Water Code section 1052.
10. Nothing in this Order shall excuse individual water right holders from meeting any more stringent requirements that may be imposed by applicable legally binding legislation, regulations, or a water right permit requirement. This Order does not authorize any act which results in the taking of a threatened, endangered, or candidate species or any act which is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code sections 2050 to 2097) or the federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A sections 1531 to 1544).

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