
State Water Resources Control Board

STATUS CONFERENCE ORDER AND NOTICE OF NEW STATUS CONFERENCE

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office
issues this status conference order and
notice of new status conference
regarding the pending petition for change of

the City of Solvang

for water-right Permit 15878 (Application A022423),
which authorizes diversions of water from the Santa Ynez River (underflow)
in Santa Barbara County.

**The new Status Conference will be held on
January 22, 2021, beginning at 9:30 am.**

BACKGROUND

On March 30, 2020, the Administrative Hearings Office (“AHO”) of the State Water Resources Control Board (“State Water Board” or “Board”) issued a Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference Call regarding the petitions filed by the City of Solvang (“Solvang”) for change and extension of time for water-right Permit 15878 (Application A0022423). The background facts, applicable statutes, hearing issues and previously proposed pre-hearing and hearing schedules are described in the March 30 notice and the prior pre-hearing conference and status conference orders.

On April 29, 2020, the AHO held a pre-hearing conference. On June 29, September 24, and November 6, 2020, the AHO held status conferences. This order and notice follow the November 6 status conference.

NEW STATUS CONFERENCE ORDER

The hearing officer directs the parties to take the following actions by the following deadlines:

November 20, 2020: Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 and Alisal Guest Ranch shall file and serve a letter with the AHO describing their concerns and questions regarding Solvang’s October 19, 2020 revised project description. Any other party may file and serve a similar letter stating the party’s

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concerns and questions. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and California Trout do not need to file letters re-stating the concerns and questions stated in their October 30, 2020 letters to the AHO.

November 20, 2020: Solvang shall file and serve an e-mail reply to the hearing officer's November 9, 2020 e-mail regarding Solvang's monthly diversions during 1995. This reply shall transmit a copy of the 1995 report from Solvang to the Department of Water Resources that is referenced in the November 5, 2020 e-mail from Chip Wullbrandt to the AHO.

January 11, 2021: Solvang shall file a status conference statement describing: (1) the supplemental hydrological, environmental and other analyses that Solvang plans to conduct for its amended change petition, (2) the new California Environmental Quality Act document that Solvang will be preparing for its amended change petition, and (3) Solvang's proposed schedule for completing these analyses and documents.

NEW STATUS CONFERENCE

The AHO will hold a status conference in this matter on January 22, 2021, beginning at 9:30 am. During the status conference, the hearing officer will discuss Solvang's amended change petition, the elements of and process for analyses and documentation of related potential environmental impacts, and the schedule for future actions.

Any person interested in observing this status conference without participating may do so by accessing the Live Stream on the AHO YouTube channel with the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEiwR0wyy4M>. If this link does not work, then any interested person may use the Zoom meeting link listed in the following paragraph to observe this status conference.

Anyone participating in this hearing may do so with the following Zoom meeting link: <https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/92411856446?pwd=Y3kwclptRU00M3JCRTVMcG55YlJpZz09> with Meeting ID: 924 1185 6446 and Passcode: 800602 or by calling in at: +16699009128,,92411856446#,,,,,,0#,,800602# US (San Jose).

The hearing officer requests that participants participate by both video and audio, if possible. If this is not possible, then the hearing officer will allow audio-only participation.

Except as explicitly stated in this order and notice, all provisions of the prior notices and orders described in the first paragraph of this order and notice remain in effect.

Date: November 9, 2020

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