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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

The State Water Resources Control Board  
Administrative Hearings Office  
will hold a Pre-Hearing Conference  
and Public Hearing on the

Pending Petitions for Change and Extension of Time for Permit 14853  
(A021883) and Pending Water Right Application A031792 of

#### **North Gualala Water Company**

for a permit to appropriate water from  
the North Fork Gualala River in Mendocino County.

**The Pre-Hearing Conference will begin on  
September 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

**The Public Hearing will begin on  
October 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.  
and continue as necessary on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays  
through October 30, 2026.**

and will be held by Zoom Webinar.

Representatives of parties will receive an individual  
invitation to join the meeting by email from Zoom.

**Parties or interested members of the public who would like to watch this  
hearing without participating may do so through the Administrative  
Hearings Office YouTube channel at: [bit.ly/aho-youtube](https://bit.ly/aho-youtube)**

## **REVISED HEARING SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES**

This amended hearing notice is being issued to adjust the deadlines and schedule pursuant to the AHO's Status Conference Ruling issued on June 11, 2025, and to provide updated information regarding the procedures for use of the Zoom Webinar application during the hearing. Parties and interested members of the public should refer to the December 9, 2024, hearing notice for background information about this matter, the hearing issues, and other procedural rules and guidelines.

<b>Deadlines / Schedule</b>	<b>Dates and Times</b>
Deadline for filing NOIs and status conference statements.	<b>February 24, 2025, at 11:59 pm</b>
Status conference date and time.	<b>February 28, 2025, at 9:00 am</b>
Deadline to submit case-in-chief evidence and optional opening briefs (15-page limit).	<del>October 3, 2025, at 11:59 pm</del> <b>June 5, 2026, at 11:59 pm</b>
Deadline to submit evidentiary objections to case-in-chief evidence.	<del>October 24, 2025, at 11:59 pm</del> <b>June 26, 2026, at 11:59 pm</b>
Deadline to submit rebuttal evidence.	<del>December 19, 2025, at 11:59 pm</del> <b>August 21, 2026, at 11:59 pm</b>
Deadline to submit evidentiary objections to rebuttal evidence.	<del>January 7, 2026, at 11:59 pm</del> <b>September 9, 2026, at 11:59 pm</b>
Deadline to file pre-hearing conference statements, witness PowerPoint presentations, and (optional) written policy statements from interested persons.	<del>January 21, 2026, at 11:59 pm</del> <b>September 23, 2026, at 11:59 pm</b>
Pre-hearing conference date and time.	<del>January 26, 2026, at 9:00 am</del> <b>September 28, 2026, at 9:00 am</b>
Public hearing begins.	<del>February 9, 2026, at 9:00 am</del> <b>October 12, 2026, at 9:00 am</b>
Deadline to submit closing briefs (30-page limit).	<del>March 27, 2026, at 11:59 pm</del> <b>December 18, 2026, at 11:59 pm</b>

## **PROCEDURES FOR THIS WATER RIGHT HEARING**

The following procedures apply to this hearing. The hearing officer may amend these procedures before, during or after the hearing as appropriate and at the hearing officer's discretion.

- 1. TELECONFERENCE HEARING:** This hearing will be conducted by Zoom Webinar. The AHO will record all status conferences, pre-hearing conferences, and hearings and will post an audio-plus-video file and a Zoom-generated transcript of each such proceeding, if available, in the AHO-FTP folder for this proceeding.

The AHO has registered each person on the service list for the proceeding as an “Attendee” of the AHO hearing using the e-mail address on the service list. The Zoom Webinar service will generate an individual link for each Attendee which will allow the Attendee to join the hearing. The Zoom service will send an e-mail containing the link to the e-mail address used to register the Attendee.

This link is specific to the named person and should not be shared with other users. The same link cannot be used to access the hearing on more than one device. If you are a party representative who is on the service list and you have not received an individual link for the hearing at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing, please first check your junk or spam mail folders, and then e-mail the AHO at: [adminhrgoffice@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:adminhrgoffice@waterboards.ca.gov).

The AHO will also register known witnesses or other persons associated with parties who are expected to participate in the hearing as an “Attendee” of the AHO hearing if the person’s e-mail address has been submitted to the AHO. The Zoom Webinar service will generate an individual link for the registered Attendee and send an e-mail containing the link to the associated e-mail address.

Parties may identify witnesses or associated persons who will be participating in the hearing who are not on the AHO’s service list, and request that the AHO add them as registered Attendees. Parties should identify any additional witnesses or associated persons at least 24 hours in advance of the start of the hearing day when the person intends to participate, by sending an e-mail with the person’s name, e-mail address, and association with the party to [adminhrgoffice@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:adminhrgoffice@waterboards.ca.gov).

To join the hearing, participants should click the individual “Join” link sent by e-mail by the Zoom service. Participants will not be able to use a phone line to call in to the hearing. AHO staff will admit Attendees into the virtual hearing room, which will be referred to by the Zoom software as a webinar. Attendees will be able to see and hear video tiles of the hearing officer and other AHO staff but will not be able to turn on their own camera or microphone features when the hearing begins. The hearing officer will call for appearances from each of the parties. When the hearing officer calls for the appearance of the representative or representatives of a party, AHO staff will either allow the representatives’ microphones to unmute or the representatives should raise their virtual “Zoom” hand to identify themselves for AHO staff. Once unmuted, the representative shall identify him or herself and AHO staff will then elevate the Attendee to a “Panelist.” Panelists may unmute their own

microphone, activate their own video, and take other actions as necessary to participate in the hearing.

During the hearing, AHO staff may change the status of participants who are not actively involved in that portion of the hearing to "Attendee" status. An Attendee may raise his or her virtual "Zoom" hand to gain the attention of the hearing officer and the hearing officer will call on the representative and unmute the representative's microphone. If you do not plan to speak during that day's hearing, please do not attend the Zoom Webinar and instead view the livestream of the hearing on the AHO's YouTube channel.

If the device you are using freezes, please notify staff at [adminhrgoffice@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:adminhrgoffice@waterboards.ca.gov) or by calling (916) 341-6940 and leaving a voicemail message and restart the device. AHO staff will be monitoring the e-mail inbox and voicemail and will notify the hearing officer

In lieu of participating by Zoom, anyone may watch past or present AHO hearings at the following link: [bit.ly/aho-youtube](https://bit.ly/aho-youtube). Parties watching AHO hearings by this method will not be able to participate in the hearing, and will not be identified to anyone else.

June 11, 2025

/s/ Sam Bivins  
Sam Bivins, Hearing Officer

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - Service List

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