
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office
will conduct a status conference

**In the Matter of
the Proposed Administrative Civil Liability Complaint
for Failure to Comply with Cease and Desist Order WR 2025-0006
against**

David Collenberg

The status conference will occur on

October 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Representatives of parties will receive e-mail invitations to join this meeting by Zoom.

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PURPOSE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

On September 10, 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Division of Water Rights issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACLC) against Respondent David Collenberg for allegedly failing to comply with Cease and Desist Order WR 2025-006 related to water right IDs S000774 and S019640. The ACLC recommends a total penalty of \$90,000 for the alleged violations. Respondent timely requested a hearing on the ACLC on September 30, 2025. Respondent's request for a hearing was accompanied by a seven-page legal brief addressed to the Division arguing that the State Water Board lacks authority to impose the proposed Administrative Civil Liability. Although Respondent's brief refers to "unfounded allegations" in the ACLC, it does not specify what, if any, specific factual allegations are disputed.

The extent to which Respondent disputes the ACLC's factual allegations has important implications for the manner in which the State Water Board's Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) will address the ACLC. If Respondent disputes only the State Water Board's legal authority to impose the proposed Administrative Civil Liability but does not dispute the ACLC's material factual allegations, the AHO can develop a proposed order that addresses Respondent's legal arguments regarding the State Water Board's authority to impose administrative civil liability in this matter without the need for an evidentiary hearing. If Respondent disputes one or more material factual allegations of the ACLC, however, the AHO will conduct an evidentiary hearing for the purpose of developing a proposed order that adjudicates the ACLC both factually and legally.

Accordingly, the undersigned hearing officer directs Respondent to file a status conference statement that:

1. Specifically identifies each and every factual allegation in the ACLC that Respondent disputes with reference to the numbered paragraph(s) of the ACLC containing the disputed factual allegation(s); and
2. Explains how Respondent will develop the evidence necessary to create a genuine dispute of material fact with respect to each factual allegation identified in accordance with item 1, above.

The deadline for Respondent to file the status conference statement requested by this Notice is **October 27, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.**

Please take notice that if Respondent fails to file a status conference statement in accordance with this Notice or fails to appear at the October 30, 2025, status conference, the AHO will deem the ACLC's factual allegations admitted for the purpose of preparing a proposed order under Water Code section 1114, subdivision (c).

October 8, 2025
Date

/s/ Sam Bivins
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Senior Hearing Officer
Administrative Hearings Office

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - Service List

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