

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

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

ORDER WR 2009-0034-EXEC

**In the Matter of Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950, and 16596
(Applications 12919A, 15736, 15737, 19351)**

Sonoma County Water Agency

SOURCES: Dry Creek and Russian River

COUNTIES: Sonoma and Mendocino Counties

**ORDER AMENDING ORDER WR 2009-0027-DWR AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVING
TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE IN PERMITS 12947A, 12949, 12950, AND 16596**

BY BOARD MEMBER ARTHUR G. BAGGETT, JR.:

1.0 INTRODUCTION

On April 6, 2009, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA or Permittee) filed a petition with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) requesting approval of a Temporary Urgency Change to the subject permits pursuant to California Water Code section 1435. This order amends Order WR 2009-0027-DWR, which was issued by the Division of Water Rights (Division), and conditionally approves SCWA's petition.

The petition requests that from April 6, 2009 through October 2, 2009, instream flow requirements for the Upper Russian River (from its confluence with the East Fork of the Russian River to its confluence with Dry Creek) be reduced from 185 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 75 cfs, and the requirements for the lower Russian River (downstream of its confluence with Dry Creek) be reduced from 125 cfs to 85 cfs. The petition also requests that instream flow requirements be further reduced from July 1 through October 2, 2009, to 25 cfs for the upper Russian River and 35 cfs for the lower Russian River if during the period from April 1 through June 30 total inflow to Lake Mendocino is less than or equal to 25,000 acre-feet. The petition, in effect, requests that minimum flows for the Russian River be established based on dry-year