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Subject: NOVEMBER 23 WEEKLY UPDATE ON CURTAILMENT STATUS OF WATER RIGHTS AND CLAIMS IN THE DELTA WATERSHED

This email contains important information about the curtailment status of water rights and claims of right within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) watershed pursuant to orders that were issued on August 20, 2021 ([Order for water rights/claims under 5,000 acre-feet](#) and [Order for water rights/claims over 5,000 acre-feet](#)).

Based on recent water supply forecasts, **curtailment statuses have been updated to reimpose curtailments in the Stony Creek, Cache Creek, and Yuba River subwatersheds starting Wednesday, November 24, 2021.** The curtailments reimposed on November 19, 2021 remain in effect. Supply forecasts will continue to be evaluated regularly to determine if further reimpositions of curtailments or suspension of current curtailments are appropriate, and updates will continue to be provided by email and web posting at least weekly. Please check the [Delta Watershed Curtailment Status List](#) for the current curtailment status of each water right and claim in the Delta watershed.

The following priorities of water rights and claims are **curtailed effective November 24, 2021**, unless and until the State Water Board advises that this determination has been updated:

1. Water rights and claims on San Joaquin River tributaries as follows:
 - a. All post-1914 appropriative water rights, pre-1914 appropriative water right claims, and riparian water right claims in the Chowchilla River subwatershed;
 - b. All post-1914 appropriative water rights, pre-1914 appropriative water right claims, and riparian water right claims in the Fresno River subwatershed; and
 - c. Three post-1914 appropriative water rights associated with the Central Valley Project in the Upper San Joaquin River subwatershed.
2. Water rights and claims on Sacramento River tributaries as follows:
 - a. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Putah Creek subwatershed that are outside of the Legal Delta with a priority date of 1945 or later;
 - b. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Stony Creek subwatershed with a priority date of 1921 or later;
 - c. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Cache Creek subwatershed with a priority date of 1946 or later; and
 - d. Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the Yuba River subwatershed with a priority date of 1961 or later.

While recent precipitation events led to suspension of curtailments, available water supplies from those recent precipitation events have started to decline, resulting in the reimposition of curtailments. The decision to reimpose curtailments is based on the revised [Water Unavailability Methodology for the Delta Watershed](#), dated November 15, 2021, together with consideration of water supply forecasts from the California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC) that were updated on November 22, 2021. The 50% exceedance water supply forecast was selected to determine curtailments at this time, which will be reassessed next week (or earlier if appropriate) based on daily water supply observations and updated forecasts. Demand data informing curtailments continue to be based on reported diversions

from 2018. Projected demand data received through Enhanced Reporting Forms are being assessed to determine their potential use for informing future curtailments.

For more information about drought in the Delta watershed, please visit the [Delta Drought webpage](#). For more information about curtailment compliance and responses to the August 20 Orders, please visit the [Curtailment Compliance and Responses webpage](#). The Curtailment Compliance and Responses tracker is updated every Friday and can be filtered to see the latest delinquencies. If you have any questions, you may send an email to Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov or call the Delta Drought phone line at (916) 319-0960.