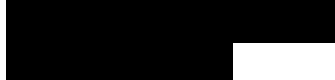




State Water Resources Control Board

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Farmers Ditch Company



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NOTICE OF VIOLATION - FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CURTAILMENT ORDERS (S002514)

The State Water Board adopted an emergency regulation establishing emergency minimum flows in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds on December 19, 2023. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 875-875.9.) The regulation went into effect on February 1, 2024, and will remain in effect for one year.

On July 23, 2024, the Deputy Director for the State Water Board Division of Water Rights (Division) issued the Order Imposing Water Right Curtailment and Requiring Reporting for Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed. United States Postal Service (USPS) records indicate that you received the Order on July 25, 2024. Despite receiving the Order, telemetry data shows that you continued to divert until July 29, 2024. In a subsequent conversation, the Farmers Ditch Company president indicated they closed the headgate on July 29, 2024. Failure to cease diversion is a violation of State Water Board regulations and may subject you to formal enforcement and potential monetary penalties (Water Code section 1846).

The Division may issue an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACL Complaint), Cease and Desist Orders, or both at its discretion with a potential fine of up to \$500 per day per water right for each day a violation occurs. If you have questions or concerns, please leave a message with Sahil Pathak at (916) 341-5307 or email at Sahil.Pathak@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you are no longer the legal owner of the water right(s) listed, immediately provide proof to the Division at the contact information provided above.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Because this diversion is curtailed, you must immediately cease diversions unless the diversion falls under an exception as written in the emergency regulations.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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