



State Water Resources Control Board

December 18, 2024

GLS TRACKING

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION - FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH INFORMATION ORDER FOR WATER USE IN THE SCOTT RIVER WATERSHED (ORDER WR 2024-0046-DWR) (WR ID: SG007257)

The State Water Resources Control Board (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. Under the Emergency Regulation, the Deputy Director for the Division of Water Rights (Division) can issue an information order to some or all landowners in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds, requiring them to provide information related to diversion and use of water relevant to implementing the regulation. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, sec. 875.8.)

On November 14, 2024, the Deputy Director for the State Water Board Division of Water Rights (Division) issued the Information Order for Water Use in the Scott River Watershed (ORDER WR 2024-0046-DWR) (Information Order). United States Postal Service (USPS) records indicate that the Information Order was delivered on November 18, 2024. A second copy of the Information Order was delivered via GLS on November 23, 2014. A response to the Division was due within 14 days from the Information Order issue date. As of December 18, 2024, the Division has not received a response to the Information Order. Failure to respond to the Information Order is a violation of State Water Board regulations and may subject you to formal enforcement and monetary penalties (Water Code section 1846).

The Division may issue an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACL Complaint), Cease and Desist Order, or both, at its discretion and with a potential fine of up to \$500 for each day the violation occurs and for each water right. To avoid penalties, you must submit your completed Information Order response form as soon as possible. The response can be emailed to Ritha.Nhorn@waterboards.ca.gov or mailed to:

Division of Water Rights ATTN: Ritha Nhorn - Enforcement Section P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

If you have questions or concerns, please call Ritha Nhorn, Water Resource Control Engineer, at (916) 341-5373 or email at Ritha.Nhorn@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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