

State Water Resources Control Board

July 22, 2026

The Wildlands Conservancy
c/o Wagner And Bonsignore CCE

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To whom it may concern:

NOTICE OF VIOLATION - FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CURTAILMENT ORDERS – (WR ID: S017376)

The Wildlands Conservancy is the owner on record for Water Right ID S017376, which is a right to divert surface water from the Scott River. This water right is subject to Order WR 2024-0024-DWR. Wagner and Bonsignore CCE is the agent on record for Water Right ID S017376.

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

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 (Order WR 2024-0024-DWR). United States Postal Service (USPS) records indicate that Wagner and Bonsignore CCE received the Order on July 25, 2024.

On January 7, 2025, the State Water Board readopted the Scott River and Shasta River Emergency Regulation. The Office of Administrative Law approved the emergency regulation on January 27, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026, Assembly Bill (AB) 263 extended the adopted Scott River and Shasta River Emergency Regulation to January 1, 2031, or until permanent rules establishing and implementing long-term flow requirements are adopted for those watersheds, whichever occurs first. (Wat. Code, § 1058.5, subd. (c)(2).)

On May 21, 2026, flows in the Scott River fell below the minimum flow requirement for May (150 cfs) prompting the Deputy Director to issue "Scott River Watershed:

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Reinstatement of Curtailments for All Surface Water Rights (Group 1-8) – (Addendum 9)” to Scott River water right holders. On May 25, 2026 due to improving flows in the Scott River, the Deputy Director issued “Scott River Watershed: Limited Conditional Suspension of Curtailments for Group 8 Surface Water Rights – (Addendum 10).”

Pursuant to section 875, subdivision (c) of the Scott River and Shasta River Emergency Regulation, the minimum instream flow for the Scott River from June 1 to June 23 is 125 cubic feet per second (cfs). On May 27, 2026, the Deputy Director issued “Scott River Watershed: Conditional Suspension of Curtailments for All Surface Water Rights (Addendum 11).” Addendum 11 conditionally suspended curtailments in the Scott River subject to conditions tied to a water right holder’s priority group. All water rights users were directed to cease diversions once flows fell below the minimum instream flow requirements. On June 3, 2026, flows fell below 125 cfs and at 1:15 pm the Deputy Director sent an email to Scott River water rights holders stating that due to below minimum instream flow conditions all surface water diversions were curtailed. On June 9, 2026, with flows at the Fort Jones USGS gage reading at 119 cfs, the Deputy Director issued Addendum 12 to Order WR 2024-0024-DWR (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2026/scott-addendum12-attachmenta.pdf), reinstating curtailments for all surface water rights in the Scott River.

On June 11, 2026, Division staff took photographs, from public roads, of ditches with running water at The Wildlands Conservancy’s place of use in Siskiyou County (see enclosed photos). Division staff reviewed the location of the photos and determined that the ditches were diverting surface water subject to the curtailment. Therefore, the diversion of water is not authorized. Failure to cease diversion following an order of curtailment is a violation of State Water Board regulations and may subject The Wildlands Conservancy 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 Order, or both at its discretion. **Penalties for failure to comply with curtailment orders carry a potential fine of up to \$10,000 for each day the violation occurs for each water right, plus an additional \$3,000 per acre foot diverted. (Wat. Code, § 1846; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 1100, subd. (b)(7)(A).)** If you have questions or concerns, please leave a message at (916) 327-8684 or email at Fernando.Salcido@waterboards.ca.gov.

If there are any changes to the agent of record or ownership for the water right(s) listed, immediately notify the Division at the contact information provided above.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lang Khang'.

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ENCLOSED PHOTOS



PHOTO A – Taken on June 11, 2026, at APN [REDACTED]



PHOTO B – Taken on June 11, 2026, at APN

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PHOTO C – Taken on June 11, 2026, at APN [REDACTED]