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## State Water Resources Control Board

Farmers Ditch Company



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### **NOTICE OF VIOLATION - FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CURTAILMENT ORDERS AND PROHIBITION ON INEFFICIENT LIVESTOCK WATERING**

Due to the extreme drought conditions, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted emergency regulations on August 17, 2021. The regulations went into effect on August 30, 2021. On September 1, 2021 the Prohibition on Inefficient Livestock Watering (prohibition) went into effect (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23 875.7). In the Scott Watershed, the prohibition was in effect from September 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021.

On September 9, 2021, the Deputy Director for the State Water Board Division of Water Rights (Division) issued the Order Imposing Water Right Curtailments and Reporting requirements For Reported Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed (Order for Reported Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed). On October 25, 2021, curtailments in the Scott Watershed were conditionally suspended (Addendum 1 to Order for Reported Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed) and Addendums 2, 3, and 4 extended the conditional suspension of curtailments until December 1, 2021. Following the expiration of the suspension, curtailments were reimposed from December 1, 2021 through January 4, 2021. Addendums 5 through 10 suspended curtailments until January 31, 2021.

On Jan 7, 2022, to assess compliance with the prohibition, the Deputy Director for the Division issued Information Order WR 2022-0052-DWR within the Scott and Shasta River watersheds.

Division staff have analyzed Farmers Ditch Company's information order response form and have determined that Farmers Ditch Company violated the emergency regulation winter stockwatering provisions on multiple days, having exceeded the diversion allotments under the prohibition and curtailment order (when curtailments were in effect).

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

These violations could result in enforcement actions including administrative civil liability penalties, cease and desist orders, or both. If you have questions or concerns, please leave a message on the Water Rights Enforcement phone line at (916) 341-5342 or by email at [DWR-SiskiyouEnforcement@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DWR-SiskiyouEnforcement@waterboards.ca.gov).

For more information on regulations pertaining to stockwater, please review this document regarding Livestock Watering Requirements here:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/docs/2022/scottshasta-livestock-information.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/docs/2022/scottshasta-livestock-information.pdf).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Cervantes", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert P. Cervantes, PE  
Program Manager - Enforcement  
Division of Water Rights