
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE PETITIONS FOR PERMITS 12947A, 12949, 12950, AND 16596 (APPLICATIONS 12919A, 15736, 15737, AND 19351) OF SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

On June 10, 2020, Sonoma County Water Agency (Petitioner) filed temporary urgency change petitions (TUCPs) with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division) requesting approval of temporary changes to water right Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950, and 16596 (Applications 12919A, 15736, 15737, and 19351) pursuant to California Water Code section 1435. Due to the exceptionally dry conditions in the Russian River watershed this year, the petitions seek authorization to temporarily reduce the minimum instream flow requirements specified under Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950, and 16596. The requested changes to the instream flows are as follows:

- 1) From July 1, 2020 through December 27, 2020, reduce instream flow requirements for the upper Russian River from 75 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 50 cfs.
- 2) From July 1, 2020 through December 27, 2020, reduce instream flow requirements for the lower Russian River from 85 cfs to 60 cfs.
- 3) If storage in Lake Mendocino drops more than one percent below the target water supply storage level on any day, then, from that date through December 27, 2020, reduce instream flow requirements for the upper Russian River from 50 cfs to 40 cfs, and reduce instream flow requirements for the lower Russian River from 60 cfs to 50 cfs.
- 4) The minimum instream flow requirement be implemented as a 5-day running average of average daily stream flow measurements with instantaneous minimum instream flows being no less than 40 cfs on the Upper Russian River and no less than 50 cfs on the Lower Russian River, unless storage drops more than one percent below the target water supply storage at Lake Mendocino, then the instantaneous minimum instream flow would be no less than 30 cfs on the Upper Russian River and no less than 40 cfs on the Lower Russian River.

More information regarding the temporary urgency change petitions is available at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/transfers_tu_notices/index.shtml

Pursuant to Water Code section 1438, subdivision (a), the State Water Board may issue an Order approving or denying a temporary urgency change petition in advance of public notice.

Pursuant to Water Code section 1438, subdivision (d), any interested person may file an objection to the temporary change. You do not need to resubmit your objection if it has already been submitted to the Division prior to this notice. Objections filed in response to this notice should be submitted to the persons listed below by 4:30 p.m. on **August 31, 2020**. All objections submitted on the TUCPs prior to and during the noticing period will be considered by the State Water Board.

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To request a copy of the TUCP or for more information regarding this matter please contact Jane Ling at jane.ling@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Jane Ling, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

DATE OF NOTICE: **July 30, 2020**