
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 May 14, 2021, 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. The petitions were submitted to address the extreme drought conditions in the Russian River Watershed and historically low storage levels in Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma. The petitions seek authorization to temporarily reduce the minimum instream flow requirements specified under Permits 12947A, 12949, 12950, and 16596 as follows:

- 1) From the date of approval through a term of 180 days, the minimum instream flow requirements will be set to the *Critical* water supply classification criteria of 25 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the upper Russian River and 35 cfs in the lower Russian River;
- 2) The minimum instream flow requirement will be implemented as a 5-day running average of average daily stream flow measurements with instantaneous minimum instream flows being no less than 15 cfs in the upper Russian River and no less than 25 cfs in the lower Russian River.

Approval of these petitions will supersede the order issued on February 4, 2021 (and amended on February 11, 2021) approving Petitioner's temporary urgency change petition filed for Permit 12947A.

More information regarding the temporary urgency change petition 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 (d), any interested person may file an objection to the temporary change. Objections filed in response to this notice should be submitted to the persons listed below by 4:30 p.m. on **June 3, 2021**. All objections submitted on the TUCP during the noticing period will be considered by the State Water Board. Please be advised the State Water Board may issue an order approving or denying the temporary urgency change petition before the end of the noticing period. All objections received will be considered promptly, and an amended order may be issued if necessary to address objections.

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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: **May 19, 2021**