



State Water Resources Control Board

PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED DROUGHT EMERGENCY REGULATION FOR THE RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED

Thursday, April 14, 2022

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
David C. Joseph Room
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Broadcast and Zoom Registration Information Below

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights is holding a public workshop to provide information and answer questions related to the proposed emergency regulation in the Russian River watershed.

AGENDA

ITEM #1: Welcome and Introductions

Opening remarks from Division of Water Rights

Introductions from any elected officials in attendance

ITEM #2: Russian River Watershed and Hydrologic Updates

Division of Water Rights staff will give background information on the Russian River Watershed and current hydrologic conditions in context of the proposed emergency regulation.

- Sam Boland-Brien, Program Manager, Division of Water Rights

ITEM #3: Voluntary Water User Agreement

Representatives from the watershed will present an overview of a voluntary program that is intended to provide an alternative to curtailments and will answer questions related to the program.

- Russian River Drought Response – Steering Committee

ITEM #4: 2022 Revised Emergency Regulation

Water Boards staff will discuss the proposed drought emergency regulation, including a background on current regulation and will focus on primary changes:

- (a) a refined water availability methodology;
- (b) protection of flows in four priority tributaries;
- (c) support for a voluntary conservation program;
- (d) administrative improvements to curtailment exceptions.

- Philip Dutton, Senior Engineer, Division of Water Rights

ITEM #5: Q&A Session

Any member of the public may address and ask questions relating to the proposed regulation.

Available Resources

There are various resources available to help diverters comply with the curtailment orders, including:

- Russian River Drought Response Webpage
 - https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/russian_river/
- Subscribe to the Russian River Drought email distribution list:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html
- Contact Us – Russian River Drought Response Team:
 - Email: RussianRiverDrought@waterboards.ca.gov
 - Phone: (916) 341-5318

ZOOM WEBINAR LOGIN INFORMATION

Zoom Webinar (pre-registration required)

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N0Mg3XkAT4SFiq9uI9Z9EA

If planning to just watch the meeting, a webcast option is also available at:

<https://video.calepa.ca.gov>

For further assistance please contact:

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