
State Water Resources Control Board

ORDER ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office
issues this order
regarding the pending petition for change of

the City of Solvang

for water-right Permit 15878 (Application A022423),
which authorizes diversions of water from the Santa Ynez River (underflow)
in Santa Barbara County.

On October 29, 2021, Chelsa O'Sullivan of RMG Law, attorneys for the City of Solvang ("Solvang"), filed a request for 30-day extensions of the deadline for completing Solvang's California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") documentation and the various planned hearing dates and deadlines specified in the Status Conference Order and Notice of New Status Conference and Planned Hearing Schedule that was issued by the Administrative Hearings Office ("AHO") on September 2, 2021. This request stated that Solvang is working to complete its CEQA documentation and has made significant progress, but that there have been delays in completing the technical analyses to address the proposed hearing issues.

The AHO grants Solvang's request for a 30-day extension of the January 2, 2022 deadline for Solvang's submittal to the AHO of the documents required for Solvang's CEQA compliance for Solvang's petition to change water-right Permit 15878. This deadline was specified in the AHO's September 2, 2021 order. The new deadline for Solvang's submittal of these documents is **February 1, 2022**. If Solvang does not submit these documents by this date, then the AHO will schedule a hearing to consider preparation and transmittal of a proposed order that, if adopted by the State Water Board, would cancel this change petition pursuant to Water Code section 1701.4.

The status conference scheduled for **December 16, 2021, beginning at 9:00 am**, will proceed as scheduled. The pre-hearing conference scheduled for **February 2, 2022, beginning at 9:00 am**, is converted into another status conference and will proceed on that date at that time.

The AHO will issue a new planned pre-hearing and hearing schedule for this matter after the December 16, 2021 status conference. The AHO anticipates that the planned dates specified in the September 2, 2021 order for the hearing process all will be changed to be approximately 30 days later.

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

Except as explicitly stated in this order, all provisions in the AHO's prior notices and orders in this matter remain in effect.

Date: Nov. 12, 2021

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