
State Water Resources Control Board

AMENDED STATUS CONFERENCE RULING

On the petitions for partial assignment of
State-Filed Applications 12919 and 12920
and
Water-Right Applications 12919C and 12920B of

Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District

before the State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office.

On August 20, 2021, the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) issued a Notice of Status Conference regarding the petitions for partial assignment of State-Filed Applications 12919 and 12920 and water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B of Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (Mendocino District). Additional background information about Mendocino District's petitions for partial assignment and application for a permit to appropriate water is included in the August 20 notice.

The AHO held status conferences in this matter on November 2, 2021, and February 15, 2022. The AHO issued a Status Conference Ruling and Notice of Status Conference on February 28, 2022 (February 28 Ruling). The hearing officer set deadlines in the February 28 Ruling for Mendocino District and other parties to take certain actions.

On May 25, 2022, Mendocino District requested an extension of time to complete and submit to the AHO a preliminary water availability analysis for the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12929 and 12920 and water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B. Mendocino District asked the hearing officer to extend the deadline from May 31, 2022, to July 15, 2022. The hearing officer grants Mendocino District's request and modifies the time schedule in the February 28 Ruling as follows:

March 31, 2022: Mendocino District shall hire an engineering firm to develop and finalize changes to the proposed project, complete, the project description, and prepare a preliminary water availability analysis.

~~May 31, 2022, at 12 p.m.~~ **July 15, 2022, at 12 p.m.:** Mendocino District shall complete and submit to the AHO, and serve on all of the protestants to the petitions and applications in addition to the parties on the service list, a preliminary water availability analysis for the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12929 and 12920 and water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B.

~~August 1, 2022, at 12 p.m.~~ **September 15, 2022, at 12 p.m.:** Protestants shall submit in writing to the Mendocino District and the AHO, with a copy to the service list, any objections to or comments on the preliminary water availability analysis submitted by the Mendocino District.

August 15, 2022, at 12 p.m.: Mendocino District shall submit a status conference statement to the AHO, with a copy to the service list, describing the status of each of the actions that it is directed to take in this status conference ruling.

September 15, 2022, at 12 p.m.: Mendocino District shall submit to the Division and the AHO, with a copy to the service list, any amendments to the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12929 and 12920 or water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B.

September 30, 2022: Mendocino District shall publicly release and submit to the AHO a Notice of Intent or Notice of Preparation for a CEQA document for the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12929 and 12920 or water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B, with a copy to the service list.

All other provisions of the February 28 Ruling remain in effect. The hearing officer will consider whether to modify any of the other deadlines in the February 28 Ruling during the status conference on August 19, 2022.

Date: May 31, 2022

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Nicole Kuenzi, Hearing Officer

Attachments:
- Service List

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