



State Water Resources Control Board

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SUBJECT: Termination of AHO Proceeding on 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

On February 28, 2003, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Division of Water Rights (Division) received petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12919 and 12920 and accompanying water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B from Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (Mendocino District). On March 9, 2021, the Executive Director of the State Water Board assigned the petitions and applications to the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) for further proceedings pursuant to Water Code section 1112, subdivision (c)(2).

On August 20, 2021, the AHO 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). The AHO held status conferences in this matter on November 2, 2021; February 15, 2022; August 19, 2022; December 20, 2022; and January 30, 2023.

On March 7, 2023, Mendocino District informed the AHO that it requests to withdraw its petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12919 and 12920 and accompanying water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B. Based on the Mendocino District's request, the AHO is terminating this proceeding and transferring the Mendocino District's petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12919 and 12920 and accompanying water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B to the Division of Water Rights to process the District's request to withdraw the petitions and applications. The AHO hearing officer withdraws the March 6, 2023 Memorandum regarding the separation of permitting staff for the proceeding. Because this proceeding

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is canceled, the permitting staff identified in the memorandum are no longer required to be separated from the AHO hearing team and the prohibition against ex parte communications no longer applies.

The AHO canceled the status conference that was scheduled for March 21, 2023, and is closing its file in this matter.

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