
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

The State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office
issues this notice of status conference
on the pending Petition for Assignment of State-Filed Application 5634
and accompanying water-right Application 5634X01 of

Nevada Irrigation District

and the pending Petition for Release from Priority of State-Filed Applications 5633 and
5634 in favor of water-right License 11120 (Application 10221) of

South Sutter Water District.

The petition, application, and related documents all concern
the Bear River in Placer and Nevada Counties.

**The Status Conference will begin on
November 18, 2024, at 1 p.m.**
and will be held by Zoom teleconference.

Representatives of parties and other people who want to participate in this status
conference may access these Zoom teleconferences by using the following link and
call-in information:

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/j/93782506017?pwd=L255TmRpSTY2NE9DU1c5UIZaM2tZdz09>

Call-in number: 1-669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 937 8250 6017 and Passcode: 611672

**Interested members of the public who would like to watch this status conference
without participating may do so through the Administrative Hearings Office
YouTube channel, accessible at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@swrcbadministrativehearing728/streams>

BACKGROUND

On July 7, 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 Nevada Irrigation District's (NID) petition for assignment of state-filed Application 5634 and accompanying water-right Application 5634X01 and South Sutter Water District's (SSWD) request for releases from priority of state-filed Applications 5633 and 5634 in favor of water-right License 11120 (Application 10221). Additional background information about NID's proposed project, petition for assignment, and application for a permit to appropriate water, and SSWD's request for releases from priority, are described in the July 7 notice.

The AHO held status conferences in this matter on August 31, 2021; January 18, July 20, and October 5, 2022; April 25 and October 26, 2023; and March 6 and August 16, 2024.

STATUS CONFERENCE

The hearing officer will hold a status conference on the date and at the time specified on the first page of this notice by Zoom teleconference. No in-person appearances will be allowed. The status conference will be held and electronically recorded by Zoom teleconference. The AHO will not retain a court reporter for the status conference. Any party may arrange for a court reporter at the party's own expense.

The status conferences will be live streamed through the Administrative Hearings Office YouTube channel, accessible by clicking on the link provided below. After the conclusion of the conference, a recording of the YouTube live-stream of the conference will be available on the Administrative Hearings Office YouTube channel. These recordings will include automatic captions for accessibility.

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The purpose of this status conference is to:

1. Obtain an update from NID on the status of its "Plan for Water" process in relation to Application 5634X01 and the Board of Directors' final decision on the Centennial Reservoir project; and
2. Discuss a schedule for hearing on SSWD's petition for release from priority.
 - a. When should the AHO hold a hearing on SSWD's petition for release from priority? Might additional time aid in protest resolution?
 - b. How many days of hearing should the AHO schedule?

I suggested during the most recent status conference on August 16 that the parties consider whether there are legal issues or issues based on undisputed issues of fact raised by SSWD's petition that might be addressed in advance of any hearing. Although I would welcome further discussion on this issue, upon further consideration, it seems likely to me that reserving any such arguments to closing briefs, after the development of an evidentiary record, would be the most efficient way to proceed.

The parties are not required to file status conference statements. If any party wants to file a status conference statement, the party shall file the status conference statement by November 13 with the AHO and serve copies of it on the other parties listed in the attached service list. The AHO will post the statements on the Water Board AHO-FTP site in the folder for this matter.

October 15, 2024



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