State Water Resources Control Board

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NOTICE OF LIFTING OF CURTAILMENTS UNDER STANDARD WATER RIGHT TERM 91

This notice serves to inform water right permit and license holders with Standard Water Right Term 91 (Term 91) and other interested parties that curtailments under Term 91 are no longer in effect. Term 91 prohibits diversion of water when (i) the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) is in "balanced conditions" (when the State Water Project and Central Valley Project [Projects] are operating to meet water quality and flow requirements in the Delta) and (ii) the Projects are releasing supplemental project water (SPW) to meet inbasin entitlements. Term 91 defines inbasin entitlements as "all rights to divert water from streams tributary to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta or the Delta for use within the respective basins of origin or the Legal Delta, unavoidable natural requirements for riparian habitat and conveyance losses, and flows required by the State Water Resources Control Board for maintenance of water quality and fish and wildlife." If the Projects resume SPW releases to meet inbasin entitlements as defined by Term 91, and the Delta remains in balanced conditions, then the State Water Board will reimpose Term 91 curtailments.

Please monitor your email and the State Water Board's Term 91 status website (Bay-Delta - Standard Term 91 (Stored Water Bypass Requirements) | California State Water Resources Control Board) for further updates on Term 91 curtailments. Term 91 may be re-imposed in the near future if conditions change. Diverters should be prepared to curtail their diversions immediately upon any resumption of Term 91 curtailments. Please note that future notices related to Term 91 will continue to be provided by email only and posted on the State Water Board's website. To maintain compliance with Term 91, water right holders with Term 91 in their permits and licenses are responsible for monitoring these email notices and/or the State Water Board's website to determine when Term 91 curtailments are in effect.

Additionally, please be advised that water is not necessarily available under a specific water right permit or license when Term 91 curtailments are not in effect. In addition to Term 91, water availability depends on local conditions, the priority of the water right, other terms and conditions of a permit or license, as well as other applicable curtailment orders, including those issued pursuant to current emergency regulations. Water right holders must comply with all terms and conditions of their specific water rights, including the applicable season of diversion and bypass flow conditions. Water right holders

should maintain a record of their diversions in order to meet reporting requirements. Any diversion in violation of water right permit or license terms and conditions is subject to enforcement.

Additional information regarding Term 91 is available on the State Water Board's website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/term_91/.