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**Subject:** Scott River Watershed: Partial Conditional Suspension of Curtailments to Priority 1 Tributary Surface Water Rights  
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**This is a message from the State Water Resources Control Board.**

To: Scott River Water Right Holders (sent to water right holders for which the Board has email addresses and to the Scott-Shasta Drought E-mail List)

On Friday, July 1, 2022, Addendum 32 was issued for curtailments in the Scott River watershed. As described in that addendum, there was uncertainty regarding how much of the curtailed flow would show up at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) [Fort Jones gage](#) given disconnection in the tailings reach and tributaries throughout the Scott River watershed, contributions from groundwater local cooperative solutions, and losses in the system. Recent precipitation also created additional hydrologic variability in the watershed.

Curtailment Adjustment

Since curtailments were reimposed for surface water rights on Saturday (7/2), flows have increased at the USGS Fort Jones gage. Based on current conditions, holders of **First Priority Water Rights** from the French Creek Adjudication, the Shackleford Adjudication, and Schedule B of the Scott River Adjudication, may divert up to **fifteen percent (15%) of their first priority water rights** (as defined in the respective decree) **following notification to the State Water Board as noted in the Reporting section below.**

Reporting

Prior to diversion, water right holders that plan to make this limited use of their first priority water right must notify the State Water Board by email ([ScottShastaDrought@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ScottShastaDrought@waterboards.ca.gov)) and provide the information listed below:

- **Amount in cubic feet per second (cfs) you plan to divert** (*note this cannot be more than 15% of your first priority tributary water right*);
- **Which first priority tributary adjudicated water right is being exercised** (e.g. diversion number, appropriate Schedule, paragraph number, original diversion name, etc.) and the associated decree (i.e., French, Shackleford, or Scott River); and
- The **maximum amount in cfs you would like to divert** under this water right, if more water is available (if greater than 15 percent).

This is Addendum 33 to: Order for Reported Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed issued September 9, 2021, Order WR 2021-0083-DWR, and Order WR 2021-0084-DWR (Curtailment Orders). This Addendum 33 continues suspension of the listed curtailment orders for groundwater rights in the Scott River watershed (Order WR 2021-0083-DWR and Order WR 2021-0084-DWR). Curtailment remains in effect for all surface water rights except for first priority tributary surface water rights, for which water right holders may divert up to 15% of their first priority water

right as described above. All other surface water rights remain curtailed under the previously issued curtailment order (Order for Reported Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed, issued September 9, 2021). Please note that this and previous addenda also include those who were later sent one of the above orders.

The State Water Board will continue to monitor flows, flow forecasts, and watershed conditions regularly to determine if further adjustments to curtailments are appropriate.

**To stay informed on future updates related to curtailments** and the ongoing Emergency Regulation effort in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds, please:

1. Monitor your email if you have subscribed to the [“Scott-Shasta Drought”](#) email list under “Water Rights”; and/or
2. Visit our [Scott River and Shasta River Drought Response website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott\\_shasta\\_rivers/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/scott_shasta_rivers/)). If an email list notice is issued on the weekend or holiday, the website will not be updated until the following business day due to limitations on implementing such updates.

If you have questions regarding this email, please contact staff at: [ScottShastaDrought@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ScottShastaDrought@waterboards.ca.gov) or leave a message at our dedicated Scott River and Shasta River Drought phone line at: (916) 327-3113.

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