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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)

Reminder Notice

All Scott River curtailments are in effect starting December 1, 2021. This means that all diverters who received one or more curtailment orders issued for the Scott River watershed (Order for Reported Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed, issued September 9, 2021 by the Deputy Director for the Division of Water Rights; Order WR 2021-0083-DWR; or Order WR 2021-0084-DWR), must again cease diversions. However, diversions that were approved under a petition or that meet an exception to curtailment as described in the [Emergency Regulation](#) (diversion is non-consumptive under section 875.1, for human health and safety under section 875.2, or for minimum livestock requirements under section 875.3) and have filed the appropriate forms with the State Water Board may continue.

From October 25 to November 30, 2021 the State Water Board temporarily suspended curtailments in the Scott River watershed because river flows exceeded the drought emergency minimum flow requirements. The last of these temporary suspensions of curtailments expires at 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2021. ***This means that all curtailment orders in the Scott River watershed are again in effect as of 12:00 a.m. on December 1, 2021.***

Flows at the [Fort Jones gage](#) were 107 cubic feet per second (cfs) as of 8:40 a.m. on November 29, 2021, and these flows are 43 cfs less than the required drought emergency minimum flow requirement of 150 cfs for December. The lack of recent or forecast precipitation, current flow and snowpack conditions, and anticipated water demand necessitate continuation of the curtailment orders issued on September 9 and 10, 2021 to meet the December flow requirement of 150 cfs. The State Water Board will monitor precipitation forecasts and watershed conditions regularly to determine if further adjustments to curtailments are appropriate.

As a reminder, the [Emergency Regulation](#) includes a requirement that **prohibits inefficient diversions for livestock** (generally unlined earthen ditches) from September through January

regardless of whether curtailments are in place, and regardless of whether a petition for continued diversions for minimum livestock needs is pending.

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/). 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 or leave a message at our dedicated Scott River and Shasta River Drought phone line at: (916) 327-3113.