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## State Water Resources Control Board

November 06 2024

GLS TRACKING

Farmers Ditch Company



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### **NOTICE OF VIOLATION - FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CURTAILMENT ORDERS (S002514)**

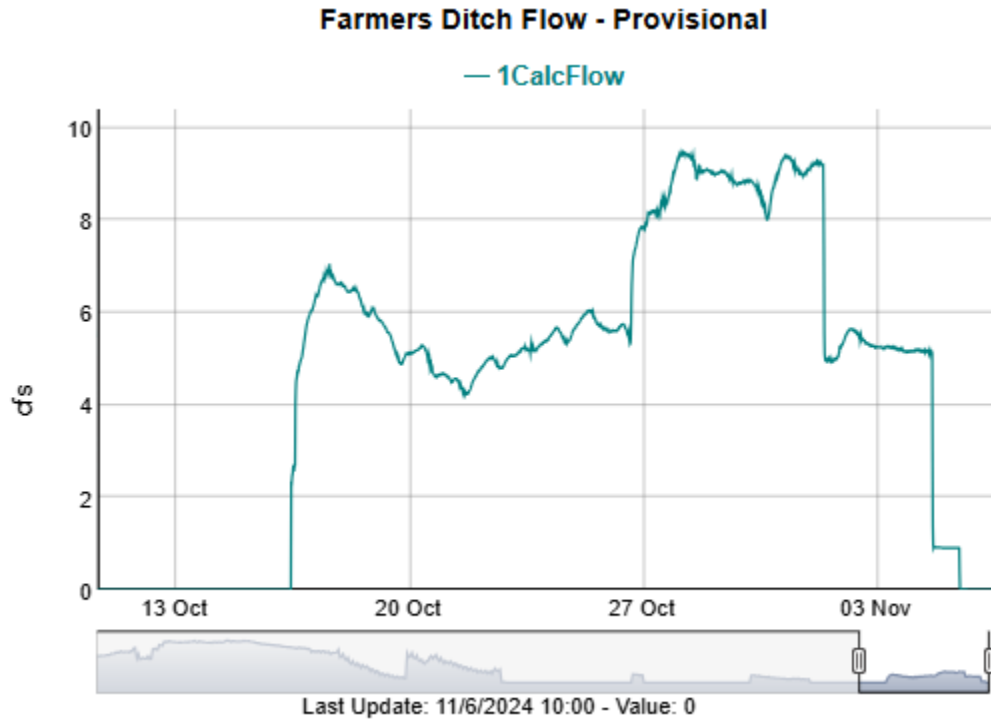
The State Water Board adopted an emergency regulation establishing emergency minimum flows in the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds on December 19, 2023. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, §§ 875-875.9.) The regulation went into effect on February 1, 2024, and will remain in effect for one year.

On July 23, 2024, the Deputy Director for the State Water Board Division of Water Rights (Division) issued the Order Imposing Water Right Curtailment and Requiring Reporting for Water Rights in the Scott River Watershed. United States Postal Service (USPS) records indicate that you received the Order on July 26, 2024. On October 15, 2024 the Division of Water Rights issued Addendum 5 to Order WR 2024-0024-DWR which expires at 11:59 PM on Thursday October 31, 2024 unless amended or superseded prior to that date which provided Farmers Ditch Company permission to divert; subject to several conditions.

Without the issuance of a subsequent addendum, curtailments were reimposed when Addendum 5 expired at 11:59 PM on Thursday October 31, 2024. On November 4, 2024, Division staff called Farmers Ditch Company and informed them of the need to stop diverting to comply with the curtailment order. Thus, Farmers Ditch Company was in violation of the curtailment order on November 1, 2, 3, and 4th. Farmers Ditch Company's telemetry (Figure 1) indicates that the diversion turned off on November 4, 2024.

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**Figure 1:** Farmers Ditch Company Telemetry

The Division may issue an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACL Complaint), Cease and Desist Orders, or both at its discretion with a potential fine of up to \$500 per day per water right for each day a violation occurs. If you have questions or concerns, please leave a message with Alex Sweat at (916) 319-0724 or email at [Alexander.Sweat@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Alexander.Sweat@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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