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RE: Questions to SWRCB on curtailments from June 17th drought call

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Thanks for going and the followup.

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Hi-

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss curtailments today. During our conversation, I agreed to provide advance notice of curtailments to the tribes. The advance notice is generally a courtesy call or email sent about four hours ahead of the curtailment notice. If you have an email list of tribal contacts that you would like to have receive the advance notice, it would be very helpful to me. Please indicate what watersheds each contact is interested in (such as Eel River or Russian River). Alternatively, if you have the phone numbers we would appreciate those. Many of our water right holders do not have emails or phone numbers on file.

1. Regarding the Russian River system:

Previous Actions: Russian River (May 27 through November 14, 2014) holders of post-1914 appropriative water rights within the Russian River watershed upstream of the confluence of Dry Creek with a priority date of February 19, 1954 or later (Application A015743 or higher) were subject to the 2014 curtailment.

Current Conditions: This year, the river is in better condition than it was in last year. However, we are monitoring conditions to evaluate whether water supply will continue to exceed water demands. We have not yet issued any curtailment notices.

Informational Items: The State Water Board sent advisory letters on January 23, 2015 and April 2, 2015 to advise water right holders that if hydrologic conditions do not significantly improve in the next several months, the State Water Board will once again begin notifying water right holders in critically dry watersheds of the requirement to limit or stop diversions of water under their water right, based on their priority. These letters were advisory only and did not implement a curtailment.

2. Exemptions from curtailment:

Considerations: Notices of Curtailments based on water right priority do not have an exemption for health and safety needs. The State Water Board, however, will not prevent use of a water supply necessary for emergency human health and safety needs, if the affected water right is your sole source of water and you have no access to an alternative supply and you maximize water conservation.

What Action Must You Take: Persons receiving a curtailment notice must cease diversion of water under the affected water right and use alternate supplies, if available, and file the electronic curtailment certification form within 7 days. If the curtailed water right is the sole source, and you intend to continue to divert, you must complete the health and safety portion of the Form to inform the State Water Board that diversions are continuing for health and safety needs. It is a simple, check box type form. A copy of the form is attached. We can use our enforcement discretion once we are informed of the need for emergency health and safety needs.

3. Gualala River:

Current Conditions: We are not currently monitoring the Gualala River (or its tributaries) for curtailment.

Early Notification: I will make a personal effort to provide early notification of any curtailments on the Gualala River, should the situation change.

4. State Water Board Representative:

I would be happy to assist you with any information you need regarding the curtailment process. If you have particular river systems that you are concerned about, please let me know.

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Thank you Chairman Franklin for your questions below. Your questions have been forwarded to the SWRCB for their response.

I am happy to assist in any further follow up needed.

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