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## State Water Resources Control Board

### STATUS CONFERENCE RULING

The State Water Resources Control Board  
Administrative Hearings Office  
issues this status conference ruling on  
the petitions for partial assignment of State-Filed Applications 12919 and 12920  
and  
Water-Right Applications 12919C and 12920B of

**Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation  
Improvement District.**

#### **BACKGROUND**

On August 20, 2021, the Administrative Hearings Office (AHO) of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) issued a Notice of Status Conference regarding the petitions for partial assignment of State-Filed Applications 12919 and 12920 and water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B of Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District (Mendocino District). Additional background information about Mendocino District's petitions for partial assignment and application for a permit to appropriate water is included in the August 20 notice.

The AHO held status conferences in this matter on November 2, 2021; February 15, 2022; August 19, 2022; December 20, 2022; and January 30, 2023.

The hearing officer's October 31, 2022 procedural ruling and January 4, 2023 notice of additional status conference set the following dates and deadlines:

**December 2, 2022, at 12 p.m.:** Mendocino District shall submit a revised preliminary water availability analysis for the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12929 and 12920 and water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B to the AHO, with a copy to the service list.

**[VACATED] January 15, 2023, at 12 p.m.:** Protestants shall submit in writing to the Mendocino District and the AHO, with a copy to the service list, any objections to or comments on the revised preliminary water availability analysis submitted by the Mendocino District.

**March 15, 2023, at 12 p.m.:** Mendocino District shall submit to the Division and the AHO, with a copy to the service list, any amendments to the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12919 and 12920 or water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B.

**March 16, 2023, at 12 p.m.:** Mendocino District shall submit a status conference statement to the AHO, with a copy to the service list, describing the status of each of the actions that it is directed to take in the October 31, 2022 procedural ruling.

**March 21, 2023, at 1 p.m.:** Status conference.

**April 15, 2023, at 12 p.m.:** Mendocino District shall publicly release and submit to the AHO a Notice of Intent or Notice of Preparation for a CEQA document for the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12919 and 12920 or water right Applications 12919C and 12920B, with a copy to the service list.

On February 8, 2023, after the status conference held by the AHO on January 30, Mendocino District submitted to the AHO supplemental information (February 8 Supplemental Information) to its July 14, 2022 draft water availability analysis (July 14 Draft WAA) for the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12929 and 12920 and water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B. Mendocino District represented in an accompanying memorandum to the AHO that the February 8 Supplemental Information and the July 14 Draft WAA together constituted the District's Water Availability Analysis for water right Applications 12919C and 12920B.

Elizabeth Salamone, General Manager for the Mendocino District, stated during the January 30 status conference that the District expects to receive some initial direction from its board during a March 6 meeting about whether to amend the petitions for partial assignment of state-filed Applications 12929 and 12920 and water-right Applications 12919C and 12920B or withdraw and possibly re-file the petitions and applications.

## **PROCEDURAL RULING**

Based on the status conference statements and discussion during the January 30 status conference, the hearing officer directs protestants to submit in writing to the Mendocino District and the AHO, with a copy to the service list, any objections to or comments on the Water Availability Analysis submitted by Mendocino District by **March 20, 2023, at 12 p.m.**

The AHO will hold a status conference in this matter on **March 21, 2023, at 1 p.m.**, in accordance with the Notice of Status Conference issued by the hearing officer on October 31, 2022. Mendocino District shall submit a status conference statement to the AHO by **March 16, 2023**, with a copy to the service list, describing any updates since the status conference held on January 30, 2023, to the status of each action that the District was directed to take in the October 31, 2022 procedural ruling. Other parties are not required to file status conference statements. If any party wants to file a status

conference statement, then the party shall file the status conference statement with the AHO, and serve copies of it on the other parties listed in the attached service list.

Date: February 13, 2023

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Presiding Hearing Officer

Attachments:  
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